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Re: Huffman and Genocide

Editor:

I read with interest the article on the class action lawsuit filed against Representatives Huffman and Thompson ("Group Brings Class Action Suit Against Huffman," Dec. 26). As the article lays out in detail, the suit should be DOA for numerous reasons under well-established precedent. However, I would go further and argue that the plaintiffs' lawyers should be sanctioned for filing a frivolous lawsuit regarding a serious subject. I decry the waste of judicial resources in going through the procedural motions to dismiss a suit so utterly lacking in merit that it should never have been filed.

On a different note, Mr. Greenson should be informed that my alma mater Hastings College of the Law has corrected a historic injustice and has changed its name to The University of California College of the Law, San Francisco. This change was made after a historical review of the legacy of former California Gov. and Supreme Court Justice Serranus Clinton Hastings (who founded the law school in 1878) determined that he orchestrated the killings of Native Americans in order to remove them from ranch land he purchased in Northern California.

James Weseman, Eureka

Editor:

California Representative Mike Thompson and Congressman Jared Huffman want voters to believe that their public condemnations of the ongoing 14-month genocide in Gaza, (so far, claiming the lives of more than 20,000 children), is somehow consistent with their violations of multiple domestic and international laws every time they vote to approve billions in additional funding for weapons used by Israel to kill Palestinian civilians.

Thompson asserts that the lawsuit he faces with Huffman, filed on behalf of 500 outraged California residents, won't accomplish peace and security for Palestinians, yet, it exposes our elected representatives' hypocrisy that will be remembered as one of the darkest eras in local, state, national and world history.

Last Nov. 5, 110 million potential, voting-age Americans abstained or voted third party, many sharing the plaintiffs' outrage and disgust over the choice of electing a corrupt Republican authoritarian for U.S. president or a bipartisan, business-as-usual Democrat, both hell-bent on arming Israel's genocide.

Nationwide, media self-censorship and the complicity and hypocrisy of officials

have emboldened the people seen waving U.S. and Israeli flags at the county courthouse, using a megaphone to shout "coward" at anyone daring to say "genocide."

All elected officials complicit in arming crimes against humanity merit warrants for their arrest, joining the first Israeli prime minister failing to accompany Germany's chancellor during the annual remembrance of the Holocaust in Poland ... for fear of arrest.

"Coward?"

George Clark, Eureka

Editor:

Congressman Huffman can help stop the genocidal actions by the government of Israel. All he has to do is say no to unconditional funding. He would do well to listen to his constituents, the majority of whom are against funding the current Israeli government. It's better to not be complicit in the mass killings of civilians.

Mr. Huffman cites the horrors of Oct. 7 to justify sending weapons to the government. But what about the ethnic cleansing and massacres of the Palestinian people that have gone on since 1947. He states Israel has the right to defend itself. Everyone has the right to defend themselves, including the Palestinians.

It's crazy to give unconditional funding to Israel or any country. Israel needs U.S. funding to survive, so why not exercise leverage?

By all means protect the Jewish people. But also protect the Palestinians.

Rather than supporting war criminals and their crimes, it's better to call for their arrest. Mr. Netanyahu has been rightly accused of war crimes and crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Court. Mr. Huffman, please call for Netanyahu's arrest. Arresting him will help bring peace to the Middle East.

Violence shouldn't be tolerated in the Holy Land. Anyone who commits horrific violence or organizes its execution, whether Jew or Arab, needs to be arrested. The best path to peace is to take an even-handed approach. Mr. Huffman, please support a neutral peace keeping force in Israel

The Iron Dome politicians tout to protect Israel could also protect surrounding countries from Israeli attack.

The title of Israel, which stands for peace and justice, has been hijacked by right wing extremists. It's time for a change. Mr. Huffman, please work for peace.

Bryan Rosen, Trinidad

Editor:

In his article on a new lawsuit, "Taxpayers Against Genocide," Thadeus

Greenon consulted legal specialists, who predict the suit will fail. They think the plaintiffs will not be able to prove, in order to obtain standing, that the defendants, U.S. Representatives Huffman and Thompson, caused them personal injury by using their tax dollars to support genocide.

However, the trauma of being forced into becoming complicit in genocide was extensively studied in Germany after WWII. It is real. Carl Jung identified it as collective guilt, noted its pervasiveness, and the importance of treatment. Karl Jaspers differentiated between the guilt of those active in the perpetration of the genocide, and the masses of Germans who did nothing to prevent it. Both groups suffered from collective guilt, which has afflicted their children and grandchildren, as well.

The very existence of this lawsuit documents the existence of the same psychic trauma among our population, and an attempt to mitigate it by taking legal action.

Thadeus' experts also believe that Thompson and Huffman will easily be shielded by the "speech and debate" clause in Article 1, Sec. 6 of the Constitution. But this clause was designed to protect the congressmembers' freedom of speech, not their freedom to commit the world's worst crime. Moreover, by supporting the genocide in Gaza, Congress is violating the Leahy Laws, which prohibit it from supplying military support to countries which commit human rights violations.

To quote Chief Justice Jackson at Nuremberg, "Civilization asks whether law is so laggard as to be utterly helpless to deal with crimes of this magnitude by criminals of this order of importance." The criminals in this case are the U.S. government and its morally disengaged Congressmembers Huffman and Thompson.

Ellen Taylor, Petrolia

'None of the Above'

Editor:

Despite recent appearances in these pages, I am not really much of a letter-to-the-editor writer (Mailbox, Dec. 26). However, I do believe a letter writer needs to get the facts correct, and try not to slant them too much. So, I feel compelled to respond to Mr. Brown's letter of Dec. 26. President-elect Trump did not get over 50 percent of the popular vote. Trump got 49.8 percent of the popular vote and Kamala Harris got 48.3 percent. Which

Dissonance

Young people at a music festival
a nation's grandchildren
are never coming home
as our bombs rain down
on another side of the world.

Is it 45,000 deaths now?
According to the UN
most of the dead
are women and children.
Untold numbers are
wounded and orphaned.

We weep for the mothers
and all of the fathers
for unspeakable losses.
We hear the wailing of their
permanent suffering.

This week, another school was bombed.
This month, no food has arrived.
Disease and mass starvation
rage.

Buildings and institutions are
obliterated.
and it feels as though
all we can do
is to join hands
and weep.

— Lori Cole

means, more people voted for someone other than Trump, than voted for Trump. He won more electoral college votes, but did not get a majority of the popular vote. That's in an election where 36.1 percent of eligible voters decided to cast a "none of the above" and didn't vote at all. Hardly a roaring endorsement.

I dearly desire that Mr. Brown's hopes come true and Trump delivers good paying jobs, a chicken in the pot and two cars in every garage. 'Cause I know if the "Eternal Abyss" opens up we'll all be too busy trying to survive to call out, "I told you so."

Lauri Rose, Bridgeville

'Completely Deluded'

Editor:

I find it bizarre that Democrats remain completely deluded about the cause of their defeat in the presidential election (Mailbox, Jan. 2). The commentary and letters in the NCJ have been as ignorant as what I see in the corporate media.

The obvious, but apparently unthinkable truth, is that a great many people

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voted against the party and candidate responsible for the reprehensible totalitarian policies during COVID.

It was a shock to see the left betray their principles by denying our right to bodily autonomy, medical privacy and fundamental civil rights. Do you remember? Anyone who spoke out against the COVID vaccine mandates was vilified. No opposing viewpoints were tolerated. Debate was shut down.

It was the Democrats who decided that only one course of action was acceptable, and who did their best to coerce, bully and force people to comply.

Do you remember the vaccine passports that some Democratic cities employed? Democrats accepted and even cheered segregation and a two-tiered society.

These authoritarian policies and attitudes were ugly, dangerous and damaging. The people who were vilified, coerced and harmed did not forget the Democrats shameful behavior. The Democrats' refusal to acknowledge and apologize only makes them look worse.

Amy Gustin, Ettersburg

they only think about themselves."

Based on Trump's history, I would say that the last phrase is more an apt description of Trump himself. And I imagine if it had been a Republican former president who had died, he might gladly share the day with the memory of a great predecessor.

If there is a supreme being, I think it would be appropriate for them to generate a great tempest that day as a bit of poetic justice.

But on the other hand, maybe not. Those same clouds could provide Trump a proverbial silver lining.

It could give him the opportunity to sell "I Survived the Storm" inaugural umbrellas and galoshes, adding more items to his MAGA collection.

Sherman Schapiro, Eureka

'We Are Responsible'

Editor:

Let's remind ourselves that we are responsible for the information we chose to believe (Mailbox, Jan. 2). If we really care about reliable and timely news we will have to work hard to find it in this era. We can find the opposite news for practically any item in mass media unless you happen upon a credible journalist. When you find them, follow and support them.

Then you will have quite a different view on our supposedly open borders, the logistics cause of the inflation, the actual facts behind fentanyl, the economy, migrant crime and terrorist threats. If your media is lying to you, turn them out and support the good guys.

Dennis Whitcomb, Blue Lake

Correction

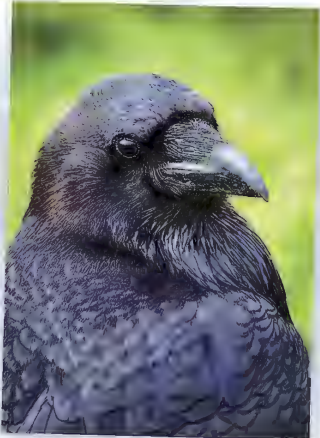
An article headlined "Group Brings Class Action Suit Against Huffman" in the Dec. 26, 2024, edition of the *North Coast Journal* mistakenly referred to The University of California College of the Law, San Francisco by its former name. The *Journal* regrets the error.

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'On the Events of April'

Cal Poly Humboldt to hold series of events focused on occupation of Siemens Hall

By Thadeus Greenson
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Cal Poly Humboldt is beginning a series "of community conversations and reflections on the events of April," the university announced in a schoolwide memo earlier this month.

The "events" in question were occupation of Siemens Hall in an effort to bring awareness to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza resulting from Israel's offensive targeting Hamas, and the ensuing administration-ordered police response that divided campus and ultimately resulted in widespread vandalism of Siemens Hall, administrators' moving courses online and shuttering the campus before bringing in hundreds of police officers to arrest several dozen people protesting peacefully.

The memo notes the university has formed a Campus Wellbeing and Stewardship Group — comprising Associated Students President Eduardo Cruz, Student Athlete Advisory Committee President Megan Janikowski, University Senate Chair Jim Woglom, Staff Council Chair Kathy Hudson and Provost Jenn Capps — to lead the conversations.

The group has been meeting regularly, according to the memo, and recently addressed the University Senate on its plans for "campus engagement" for the spring semester. Those plans include meetings with all the groups represented on the committee, as well as a two-hour open campus forum to be held Feb. 7 at a location to be determined.

"A campus communication will go out on Jan. 21, 2025, to all employees and students sharing the schedule as well as more detail with regard to the structure and scope of the meetings as well as additional campus companion activities designed to offer different ways to engage," the memo states.

According to the University Senate's minutes, Woglom and Hudson gave a brief presentation on the group's plans Dec. 3, with Woglom noting a pair of after-action reports on the occupation of Siemens Hall would be publicly released. However, he said, the university has apparently refused the University Senate's request to bring in an independent third-party to conduct a formal investigation into what transpired.

"Provost Capps suggested that, after these after-action reports are released, review them with various groups on campus to write responses to them and send these responses to the president," minutes from the meeting read. "This could include how these events impacted people, and their recommendations. Senator [and Campus Diversity Officer Rosamel] Benavides-Garb said that [the Office of Diversity and Inclusion] has been leading similar listening groups, so has the capacity to lead or assist this."

Sen. Stephanie Burkhalter, a politics professor, the pointed out that the after-action reports are legally mandated and "will likely say that the university's actions were legal" but are "very unlikely to provide any answers that we're looking for," according to the minutes.

In response to a California Public Records Request seeking all documents generated from formal reviews of the April protests and the university's response to them, the *Journal* received two formal reports. The first is focused on a review of "incident command's" performance, while the second is focused on that of the Emergency Operations Center.

Both documents offer an identical "event summary" noting the demonstra-

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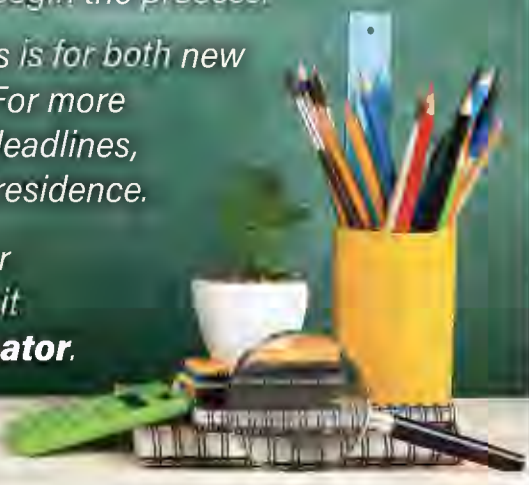
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tion began at approximately 4:30 p.m. on April 22, prompting “multiple people” to call the university police “to express concerns.” It says that protesters set up tents in front of the building’s entryways in “what appeared to be an attempt to block access to the building,” though body camera footage from responding officers obtained by the *Journal* through a public records request clearly shows protesters allowing passage for people to enter and exit the building.

The event summary says protesters were repeatedly asked to move to the university quad, which would be in compliance with the university’s protest policies, and declined.

“Over the next few hours, a group of approximately 60 protesters in Siemens Hall further obstructed entrances with tents, chairs and other furniture,” the summary says. “In the meantime, protesters in the building refused all attempts by administrators, faculty, staff and UPD to deescalate the situation and evacuate the building.”

The summary makes no mention of the growing law enforcement presence in view of the protesters — including many officers with shields, helmets and crowd-control gear — clearly seemed to escalate tensions among protesters.

“A crowd in support of protesters in the building grew to approximately 300 people on the University Quad adjacent to Siemens Hall,” the summary states. “Efforts by police to clear obstructions in the lobby entrance to Siemens Hall were met with assault on officers. Several people who were protesting and police officers were injured. Three arrests were made.”

The summary makes no mention of officers ultimately being directed to stand down from what was an increasingly volatile scene, but notes the occupation extended another seven days, alleging that protesters continued to attempt to break into other locked campus buildings, and vandalized 12 others, “leading to a need for locking down the campus to prevent the occupation of other university buildings.” (Many on campus vocally questioned the “need” for administration to institute a hard closure, threatening anyone coming on campus with arrest, and some — including civil liberties groups — deemed it a legally dubious overreaction.) The review estimates the protests caused nearly \$2 million in physical damage to the campus. (An itemized list provided to the *Journal* in response to a records request, however, lists the damage at just under \$1.3 million, including \$496,000 for exterior painting and graffiti removal, \$28,000 to replace picnic tables, \$11,000 for

“exterior bench replacement,” \$156,000 to repair restrooms in Nielsen Hall East, \$128,000 to replace wood paneling in Siemens Hall and \$107,000 for interior painting and door repairs and refinishing in Siemens Hall.)

The summary concludes by saying at around 2:30 a.m. on April 30, “law enforcement officers from various agencies regained control of the occupied buildings and restored order to the campus,” with the operation resulting in 32 arrests. (The Humboldt County District Attorney’s Office declined to file charges against any of those arrested.)

From here, the two documents diverge, looking at the Emergency Operations Center and incident command. Neither directly questions any of the guiding decisions of how the university should have responded to such a situation.

The incident command review lists three strengths and five “areas for improvement.”

On the strengths side, it touts the mutual aid response from around the state, noting the incident “overwhelmed local resources

“Coordination and implementation of the plan to regain control of the university property and restore order was completed without any injuries,” the review lists as the second strength, before identifying the third strength as “local law enforcement assistance.”

As to areas for improvement, the review states incident command could have better managed public relations, noting at least one law enforcement press conference should have occurred to “provide better transparency on the university’s goal of maintaining public order.”

“The press conference(s) could have reassured the public that the university was managing the situation responsibly, reducing tensions and preventing the spread of rumors,” the review says.

The second area for improvement is mutual aid, with the review noting many of the local agencies that initially responded “have since expressed concerns about their responsibilities, liability and risk during this incident. (The review makes no mention of the fact that an independent audit of the Eureka Police Department’s involvement in the response found that officers were put in a dangerous situation by the university, lacking a clear mission with obtainable goals and contingencies for officer safety.)

The third area for improvement identified is that incident command should have been established earlier, noting that the lack of a “disciplined decision-making

process” led to “confusion, miscommunication and a lack of accountability.” The fourth and fifth areas for improvement were identified as a need for more training on “modern crowd management, which includes de-escalation,” and “issues with body worn cameras,” a number of which did not work during the incident.

Corrective actions to update mutual aid agreements, better manage public relations in “high-visibility events,” increase crowd control training and get functioning body worn cameras are “in progress,” the review says, while another university police staff has already completed additional training on the incident command system.

The Emergency Operations Center review, meanwhile, lists three strengths and six areas for improvement. On the strength side, the review lists the center’s employees and structure, noting employees were well-trained and the structure allowed “for efficient response.” Additionally, the EOC’s communication and coronation with the chancellor’s office was touted as a strength, as was its ability to leverage off-campus assistance through established local relationships.

As to areas for improvement, the review notes there were frequently two directors in the EOC at the same time, leading to some confusion. Additionally, there’s room to improve the EOC/incident command interface, noting that poor communication led to “information gaps,” “tactical errors” and “inadequate planning” on the night of April 22 in particular. The EOC should also clarify its procurement process, better staff its public information officer function, improve documentation and find a bigger physical space in which to gather.

The memo, sent by Capps and Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Chrissy Holliday, concludes by noting the university has received \$75,000 in funds from the chancellor’s office “to support educational programming on campus that supports enhanced understanding of the [Time, Place and Manner Policy], civil discourse/ collegiality, elections and voter engagement, and effective organizing.” Some of those funds have been set aside for a grant program focused on “civil discourse and engagement, which is currently open for applications,” they note.

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'Exceptional Work' Allowed Eligible Humboldt Jail Inmates to Cast Ballots

While a *CalMatters* report last year found that many of the 73,000 or so California residents held in county jails who are eligible to vote face barriers in casting ballots, local officials say that wasn't the case in Humboldt County in November.

When addressing the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in advance of its certification of local elections results, Humboldt County Registrar of Voters Juan Pablo Cervantes credited the sheriff's office's efforts with ensuring local inmates who were eligible had the opportunity to cast a ballot.

"I wanted to highlight the exceptional work done by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office in ensuring that eligible inmates at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility were provided the opportunity to participate in the Nov. 5 election," Cervantes told the *Journal* in an email. "Their work underscored the importance of protecting voting rights, even in challenging circumstances."

While the vast majority of the approximately 92,000 people incarcerated by the California Department of Corrections are serving felony sentences and thus ineligible to vote, that's not the case for the state's estimated 78,000 people in county jails. The Prison Policy Initiative, a Massachusetts-based nonpartisan research organization, estimates about 60 percent of California's jail inmates have not been convicted of a crime and are eligible to cast ballots. Those serving misdemeanor sentences are also eligible.

The *CalMatters* report pointed to a variety of obstacles advocates have faced statewide in helping inmates vote, including lengthy mail screening processes — including page limits for mailings — that don't get registered voters their ballots or voter guides in time, if they get them at all. The report notes some jurisdictions don't actively distribute information about voting to inmates, while visitation limits prevent outside groups from doing so.

But Cervantes said his office found willing partners at the local jail, noting this year's get-out-the-incarcerated-vote effort

included the updating of jail systems for voter registration, vote-by-mail ballots and same-day registration, all of which required "extensive collaboration" between the two county departments.

"Bryce Arnold, a program coordinator for the jail, showed remarkable dedication by facilitating the delivery of same-day provisional ballots on Election Night; a step that ensured every eligible voter had the opportunity to cast their ballot," Cervantes said. "Additionally, we worked together to create a first-of-its-kind inmate Voter Information Guide for Humboldt County. This guide compiled all the ballot-specific information from the 39 versions of the county voter guide, ensuring inmates had access to materials tailored to their registration address. It was a crucial resource for helping voters at the facility navigate the electoral process with clarity and confidence."

Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal tells the *Journal* that the American Civil Liberties Union sent his office inmate voting fliers and posters with information about what disqualifies people from voting and how to register, which jail staff posted in each of the housing units.

"During the election, the sheriff's office made announcements in the dorms letting inmates know that if they wanted to vote in the election, we had ballots available," Honsal says. "We believe that everyone who was eligible and wanted to vote had the opportunity to vote in the election."

Arnold said in an email to the *Journal* that she and another sheriff's office employee personally met with inmates who wanted to vote to assist with their registration applications, and started working with the elections office in October to make sure all voter education materials provided to the public would also be available to the incarcerated population.

"Once the voter registration deadline passed, Juan Cervantes provided us with the same-day voter registration applications," she said, adding they were then taken to the dorms and offered to anyone interested. "All of the people who filled those out were provided with ballots

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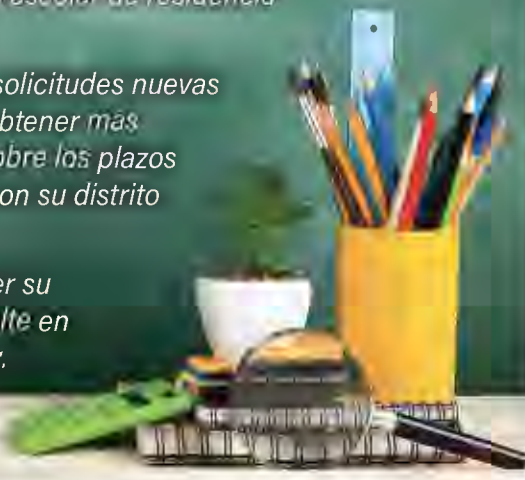
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specific to their voting districts and those who registered on the day of the vote were provided a generalized ballot. The multipurpose rooms in the housing units were set up with manila folders to provide some privacy to voters and the inmates were allowed to vote throughout the afternoon."

Once ballots were collected, Arnold said she worked with a lieutenant to check vote eligibility and then submitted ballots to the elections office.

Cervantes said it's unclear exactly how many inmates cast ballots in the election, but said the effort aimed to ensure those eligible had the option.

"While we are unable to quantify how many inmates voted by mail, as those ballots are processed through the regular vote-by-mail stream, the sheriff's office facilitated voting for 45 provisional voters in the jail," he said. "This result highlights the effectiveness of the process and the commitment to ensuring access to the ballot."

The California Legislature passed a bill last year that would have created a pilot program for in-jail voting in three counties — San Benito, San Mateo and Santa

Cruz — to improve voter participation. Specifically, the program would have required the counties' jails to facilitate voter registration and in-person voting for all eligible inmates. Nearly all Republican legislators voted against the bill, though it had no official opposition. Gov. Gavin Newsom, however, vetoed the bill on Sept. 22, saying the money required to fund it should be allocated as part of the state budget process.

"While I appreciate the author's commitment to this issue, under the Elections Code, counties are able to establish these types of programs without statutory authority," Newsom wrote in his veto message. "Further, this bill creates a new, unfunded grant program and should be considered in the annual budget process. ... It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure."

Countywide, 77 percent of Humboldt's registered voters cast a ballot in the Nov. 5 election, while only 80 percent of those eligible are registered, according to the California Secretary of State's Office.

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The Battle Over Bear River

How a power struggle over tribal policing authority derailed an officer's career

By Thadeus Greenson

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Josh Bates clearly recalls the exact moment he realized his professional life was spiraling out of control through no fault of his own. A graduate of the College of the Redwoods Police Academy, Bates says it was early March of 2022 and things were going pretty well.

He'd recently resigned his post as an officer with the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria Police Department; he says he'd planned to leave anyway, but frustration with inner-tribal dynamics and the tribe's handling of a harassment complaint he'd filed spurred him to make the move sooner than expected. But he was now confident his application for a post with the Cal Poly Humboldt University Police Department would be approved, and he'd step into a position with a \$10 hourly bump from what he'd made at Bear River — calling it “a life-changing amount of money” — as well as a retirement plan and benefits. Plus, he says, his wife worked at the university, so if their family ever wanted to move out of the area, they could look to make lateral transfers to another California State University.

Bates says they had \$40,000 saved and were looking to buy a house as soon as he landed the new job. Things, he says, were looking up. Then his phone rang on March 11.

It was UPD Sgt. Andy Martin calling to inform Bates he'd failed his background check, that the California Department of Justice's Criminal Records Depository indicated Bates had been suspected of numerous felonies — serious ones.

“This must be a mistake,” Bates recalls saying, adding he'd never been in any trouble with the law in his life.

Martin assured him it wasn't a mistake but directed Bates to the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office for more information. Three days later, Bates and then Bear River Police Chief Dana Norton met with DA Chief Investigator Kyla Baxley, who informed them that the blemishes on Bates' record stemmed from two separate incidents in 2020, when Bates had detained suspects while on patrol with Bear River. Believing the tribal department's officers were overstepping their authority to police non-Native people, the sheriff's office had filed reports requesting then DA Maggie Fleming charge Bates with a host of crimes, including kidnapping, false imprisonment, robbery, assault and impersonating a police officer.

Fleming had declined to prosecute Bates “in the interest of justice,” but the referral remained in the DOJ database, Baxley told them.



Josh Bates (center) at his graduation from the College of the Redwoods Police Academy in 2017.

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Josh Bates at a police check point set up at the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria reservation in 2021.

File photo

Thus began Bates' 18-month effort to clear his name and his record. While that effort was ultimately successful, his law enforcement career is over, he says, as his certification has now lapsed and the experience has forever altered his view of law enforcement and criminal justice.

“I put all my eggs in this law enforcement basket and all my opportunities were shut off,” he says. “And everything I've done is 100-percent by the book what I was taught in the law enforcement academy. What this did was completely derail the trajectory of where my life, my family's life, was going. It's just been very, very difficult.”

Bates never dreamed of becoming an officer as a kid growing up in McKinleyville, joking that he was “closer to ‘fuck the police’ than wanting to be a cop.” He dedicated himself to mixed martial arts, competing at the highest local levels, before defending his belt and retiring as a champion in his mid-30s.

He then found work as a personal trainer, helping private clients meet their fitness goals, while working nights as a bouncer at Arcata bars. Bates says he made decent money, but it was a constant struggle and, starting a family, he needed something more stable. Through his work as a bouncer, he developed relationships with some Arcata officers who he says first encouraged him to consider a career in law enforcement. One, Bates recalls, asked what his favorite part of being a trainer was. When Bates said he liked helping people, the officer said he could help people daily as a cop.

Bates says the conversation stuck with

him and he enrolled in CR's academy in 2017 and became one of 28 graduates that year.

In late 2019, Bates interviewed with Dana Norton, the former Hoopa Valley Tribal Police chief who'd recently been hired to start a department for Bear River. Bates says he'd read about Norton's situation in Hoopa — he'd been let go at the end of an 18-month probationary period amid allegations of nepotism and he and the sheriff's office had butted heads over a cross deputization agreement. Bates thought Norton had gotten a “raw deal.”

Bates says he and Norton, a body builder, hit it off right away and he agreed to accept a job as one of the fledgling department's first officers. Bear River had once funded a resident deputy sheriff's position, but the tribal council reportedly grew frustrated when staffing shortages reduced the amount of time the deputy spent patrolling the reservation and canceled the agreement, ultimately deciding to start its own department.

For his part, Norton says he was “really happy” with Bates, saying he had a great work ethic, a positive attitude and proved a quick learner. Things moved fast, both men say, with the department beginning patrols in December of 2019 as officers applied for special law enforcement commission (SLEC) status from the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Office of Justice Services.

Tribes in California exist in what's been described as a law enforcement “jurisdictional morass” under Public Law 280, which was enacted by Congress in 1953 and moved jurisdiction over tribal lands from federal to state law enforcement in six states, including California.

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state Assemblymember James Ramos early last year, Carol Goldberg, an Indian law professor at the University of California at Los Angeles who was appointed to President Barack Obama's Law and Order Commission in 2010, said the law has a "very problematic origin story." She noted it was part of the federal government's termination policy, which denied Native sovereignty and promoted the forced assimilation of Native people by subjecting them to state law. Further, she said, the law was based on "racist assumptions" that tribes could not enforce public safety in their own communities and posed a threat to non-Natives.

The law also imposed an unfunded mandate on state law enforcement, particularly sheriff's offices. And with tribes free to start their own departments — either independently or with federal certification or cross-deputization agreements — the law also created jurisdictional confusion that tribes say has fueled the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People epidemic.

Speaking to the *Journal*, Goldberg says tribes in California have the sovereign authority to create police departments to enforce tribal ordinances and laws on

Native people on Native land. To enforce state or federal law, she says, they typically need certification from the BIA or a cross-deputization agreement. But plenty of gray areas exist between these distinctions, including the extent to which tribes can police the conduct of — or detain and search — non-Native people.

Many of these issues — including whether tribal police can carry weapons off tribal land, whether they can travel in vehicles with lightbars on them off reservation and whether they can search or detain a non-Native person without first determining whether they are non-Native — have been left to courts to decide, with mixed results.

It was 8 p.m. on Jan. 30, 2020,

when Bates was patrolling the Bear River reservation near the tribe's gas station when he spotted a red Toyota Tacoma with a towing hitch that was partly blocking its rear license plate and decided to pull the car over. Bates contacted the driver and his passenger, and asked the tribe's dispatch center to check for active warrants. He learned the passenger, Tim,



Josh Bates at the College of the Redwoods shooting range.

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The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office responding to a crime scene on the Bear River reservation in 2021.

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who requested the *Journal* use only his first name to be interviewed for this story, had a warrant for failing to commit to jail after a DUI conviction some 18 months earlier. Bates says he called the sheriff's office non-emergency number to confirm the warrant.

"I asked them, 'Do you want him?'" Bates says. "They put me on hold, came back and said, 'Yes, we do. Transport him to the department and we'll have a deputy come down to transfer custody.'"

Bates says he then asked Tim, 65, to get out of the car. Tim complied and Bates put him in handcuffs and into the back of his patrol car, driving him several blocks to the department's station, where he would wait for a Humboldt County sheriff's deputy to come take custody of him, officially arrest him and transport him to jail, acting as "the Uber," as one deputy put it.

Former Deputy Jordan Walstrom arrived and took custody of Tim and left to make the 15-mile drive to the jail. Bates says he thought little of it, returning to his shift. During the drive north, Tim says Walstrom indicated the sheriff's office was "concerned about the situation" in Bear River, saying transporting Tim from the site of the traffic stop to the police headquarters elevated the contact legally from a "detention" to an "arrest," which tribal police didn't have the authority to do.

"He said I should probably seek counsel because this was fairly out of the ordinary," Tim recalls. "He said, 'We don't think they have the jurisdiction.'"

Tim was released that night after he wasn't medically cleared to be booked into jail — he says he'd recently had an eye procedure done that required regular eye drops. As he left, Tim says he was again "strongly recommended" to talk to an attorney about what happened that night, adding that he received several follow-up phone calls from the sheriff's office but didn't have phone service at his home, so they never connected.

What Bates and others at Bear River say they did not know at the time was that

frustrations had been mounting within the sheriff's office surrounding the belief that the tribe's officers were overstepping their authority, particularly with non-Native people.

Then sheriff's office Lt. Peter Cress had first raised the issue about a month earlier, on Dec. 27, 2019, in an email to command staff seeking "clarification as to the scope of Bear River tribal PD's authority," calling it a "time sensitive matter," according to emails obtained through a request under the California Public Record Act. Capt. Bryan Quenell responded the same day that the department's officers "do not have any formal peace officer powers."

"Essentially, they have citizen's arrest authority and that is it," Quenell wrote, adding he would reach out to tribal leadership to discuss the matter.

(Goldberg, for her part, says courts have repeatedly ruled tribal officers have more authority than ordinary citizens, likening them more to an officer who crosses state lines into a different jurisdiction.)

Quenell then emailed Sheriff William Honsal saying he'd like to meet with tribal leadership "before it turns ugly."

(Dozens of *Journal* attempts to reach tribal leadership over the course of months of reporting this story were unsuccessful. Tribal Chair Josefina Frank initially responded to a *Journal* email saying she was out of town and would respond the following week, but failed to do so, or to reply to any subsequent emails. Similarly, Frank answered one of the *Journal's* calls to say she was in the middle of something but would call right back. She never did, nor did she respond to subsequent *Journal* voicemails.)

Norton, for his part, said no concerns about the tribe's jurisdiction or authority had been brought to him at this point, saying that wouldn't happen until after the traffic stop with Tim and Bates weeks later.

But frustrations continued to simmer within the sheriff's office.

On Jan. 10, 2020, Lt. Greg Musson emailed

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Honsal and other command staff after an unspecified incident: "It appears our friends at Bear River are once again acting outside the scope of their authority. ... I think someone from the DA's office should be involved as well. I'm inclined to start arresting these Tribal 'officers' if they kidnap, falsely imprison and impersonate a peace officer. Of course, that would be after a directive from you, but this needs to stop."

Four days later, Honsal emailed Quenell, the undersheriff and Musson that he was working to set up a meeting with the tribal chair to discuss "some jurisdictional issues."

On Jan. 31 — the morning after Bates pulled over the truck carrying Tim over — Honsal again emailed his command staff, saying he was made aware of the "incident" and contacted Norton to discuss it. He said he learned that while Bear River had applied for federal deputization, it had not yet received it.

"Until they are deputized under BIA ... they are not recognized as federal peace officers," he wrote. "The tribe does not have jurisdiction over non-Natives."

Honsal wrote that he and Norton discussed the law and tribal authority, and he felt Norton's interpretation was a "stretch of the law," noting he'd cautioned Norton against the department taking "any enforcement action against all non-Natives" until federally certified.

"We want to be attentive to the public safety needs of the tribe," Honsal wrote in the email to his command staff. "We have had a good relationship with them in the past and I want to continue to have that into the future ... Until otherwise directed, stay professional and work as partners with the tribe. However, we will not compromise on our authority or allow constitutional rights to be violated."

If the hope was the situation would blow over before Bear River attained its federal deputization, it did not.

It was shortly after midnight

and drizzling on Jan. 2, 2020, when Bates was on a patrol and stopped at the Bear River Rancheria Pump and Play gas station to check in with security there. The security guard directed him to Pump No. 9, saying a man later identified as Cody Christiansen had been parked there for 45 minutes, acting suspiciously, adding he'd asked the man to leave earlier in the day and he'd returned. As Bates approached to inform Christiansen he had to leave the property or would be considered trespassing, he says he noticed Christiansen was holding a stack of what appeared to be gas or credit cards.

In a police report documenting the incident, Bates wrote that Christiansen



Josh Bates (right) speaks with someone at a police checkpoint on the Bear River reservation..

File photo

appeared uncomfortable and avoided eye contact. Bates asked what Christiansen was doing, to which Christiansen responded a friend had given him the pre-paid gas cards, so he was checking "if they have any gas on them," according to the report. Bates wrote that he replied that the Pump and Play doesn't accept pre-paid cards and asked Christiansen for his ID, and whether he had any active warrants or was on probation. Christiansen replied that he was on searchable probation.

Bates says he then noticed dozens of old syringes in the bed of Christiansen's Chevrolet pickup truck and asked him to move to the rear of the vehicle. At this point, Bates says Christiansen said something to the effect of, "Don't do this, I can't do this again," and seemed agitated. Bates says he then asked Christiansen to turn to the rear of the vehicle "just for officer safety," and Christiansen started moving back toward the truck's open driver-side door.

"I informed him he was defying a lawful order and I told him to put his arms behind his back because he was not complying," Bates wrote in the report.

"I was trying to make clear to him he's being detained," Bates says to the *Journal*, adding that he then grabbed the cuff of Christiansen's jacket. "That's when it was on."

Video of the incident shows the two men struggle briefly at the driver's-side door of the truck before they disappear from view inside. The struggle lasts another five-and-a-half minutes, mostly obscured from the camera's view. The video shows the truck rock back and forth a bit after the two men enter, and its hazard lights flicker on after about 30 seconds. At one point about a minute-and-a-half into the confrontation, the car lurches forward a foot or two. Eventually, the video shows Bates emerge from the driver-side door first, then pull out Christiansen, who is



armed with a screwdriver.

Bates says Christiansen managed to stab him in the leg with the weapon before Bates was able to take him to the ground. The struggle continued there and, according to Bates' report, Christiansen continued to be non-compliant, and the officer used several elbow blows to his head and got the help of a bystander before being able to force Christiansen's hands into cuffs.

Bates says the struggle inside the truck's cab was violent, with Christiansen trying to get the car started to drive away. Bates says at one point he pulled the keys from the ignition and threw them onto the passenger-side floor. He says he tried to pin Christiansen against the seat while pushing the horn with his foot to summon the security guard for help, though he never came. Bates says Christiansen grabbed a foot-long screwdriver and began stabbing him with it, hitting him multiple times in the torso and the left side of his back, before Bates pinned him in a different position.

"I wasn't panicked," Bates says, adding he followed what he was taught in the academy and relied on his MMA background, to use only enough force to overcome resistance.

Once Christiansen was in cuffs, Bates called the sheriff's office and reported he had him "detained for the assault," requesting a deputy respond to arrest him, according to his report. Around the same time, Bear River Sgt. Joey Jackson responded to the scene, took photos of Bates' injuries and took his statement as to what transpired.

According to the report, Bates then took some photographs to document the location of the screwdriver, which he'd thrown aside after prying it from Christiansen's grip. As he was doing this, he heard deputies who'd arrived on scene speaking to Jackson in "a hostile manner."

"I heard Sgt. Jackson say to them, 'This seems pretty racist,'" he wrote, adding that Jackson soon advised him to clear the

scene and return to headquarters to begin writing his report.

Norton says he recalls getting a call from Jackson that night reporting the responding deputies had been caustic, saying things like, "Who are you guys?" and "We should be arresting you." Norton says he tried calling the sheriff but didn't get ahold of him, then he talked to Lt. Kevin Miller, who assured him "everything is going to be OK."

Christiansen wasn't arrested that night, but driven off the reservation and released. Eighteen days later, however, he was arrested for being a felon in possession of a firearm and giving false information to an officer. Already on probation for convictions of felony domestic violence in 2019 and evading a peace officer in 2018, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve three years in prison. He's currently incarcerated at Wasco State Prison, serving a separate nine-year sentence for assault with a firearm and child abuse. Attempts to reach him for this story were unsuccessful.

While Norton says nobody in Bear River had any idea the sheriff's office would try to have Bates criminally charged for what happened at the gas station that night, he says the fact deputies would turn loose a suspect who had stabbed one of his officers with a screwdriver was devastating.

"I was pretty pissed," he says. "It devastated the morale of the department."

The day after Christiansen stabbed Bates with the screwdriver, Honsal emailed his command staff to report that he'd spoken with Norton and then Tribal Chair Barry Brenard regarding his concerns over "detaining a county probationer" and asking them "to please stand down until we can get these questions answered." He concluded by urging his staff to use "an abundance of caution" when dealing with the tribe.

"We have a fine line to walk with tribal police and law enforcement authority," he wrote. "What is very clear in public law 280 is jurisdiction. The Sheriff is responsible for all STATE CRIMES."

The following day, Honsal emailed a pair of assistant U.S. attorneys under the subject line: "URGENT: Bear River Tribal Law Enforcement."

"We have some serious issues to address regarding Bear River Tribal Police violating the Civil Rights of non-Natives," he wrote. "I have attempted to address this with the tribal government, and I did not get any assurance that this was going to be resolved. ... Can we please set up a conference call ASAP?"

It's unclear whether the conference call happened, but the following day, on Feb. 5, 2020, the sheriff's office sent a report to

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Assembly to Again Take Up Bill Giving Tribes State Police Powers

Assemblymember James Ramos, D-San Bernardino, is hoping the third time's a charm.

After twice introducing bills that would allow tribal police departments a path to certification by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training — the first dying in committee before the second was vetoed by the governor last year — Ramos recently introduced Assembly Bill 31, hoping it will overcome the final hurdle this session.

Ramos asserts the bill is necessary to confront the state's Missing and Murdered Indigenous People crisis and address ongoing public safety issues on reservations created by Public Law 280, which Congress passed in 1953 to transfer policing authority on tribal lands from the federal government to state law enforcement in six states, including California.

"The law resulted in fewer resources for public safety on reservations and created confusion among federal, state and local law enforcement jurisdictions," Ramos said in a statement.

Last year's Assembly Bill 2138, sponsored by the Yurok Tribe and supported by Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal, would have created a pilot program allowing police from three California Tribes (including the Yurok Tribe) to obtain state peace officer status, allowing them to independently enforce state law on tribal lands, make arrests and directly file reports with the district attorney's office. The issue is not without complexity, though, as the tribes would have to waive sovereign immunity (which protects tribal governments from most civil litigation) and abide by state transparency laws, like the California Public Records Act. Those issues caused some tribes to oppose a previous version of the law, prompting Ramos to scale it back to a pilot program.

Yurok Tribal Police Chief Greg O'Rourke says the tribe has supported Ramos' efforts since their inception. Ramos' first bill was killed in the Assembly Public Safety Committee, O'Rourke says, because lawmakers supporting police reform worried it would result in over policing of marginalized communities. He says the Yurok Tribe then embarked on an education campaign, inviting the committee's members to its reservation to show them how the tribe's police department works, which proved successful.

"In this reform movement, one of the things we've found to be very helpful in getting Public Safety Committee members to believe in our movement and actually support us was looking at the inherent values that tribal law enforcement has of community-oriented policing and trauma-informed policing," he says.

As to tribal opposition, O'Rourke says he understands why some tribes wouldn't want to waive certain sovereign rights and come under certain state regulations and laws. Personally, having worked for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office for 12 years, O'Rourke says he "wasn't afraid of the requirements," and thinks tribal departments obtaining state peace officer powers would be a boon for public safety.

"I believe it's going to provide the most expedient means for competent law enforcement response in our community," he says.

Honsal also supports Ramos' efforts, and lauded the Yurok Tribe's efforts to educate legislators, saying it allowed them to see that tribal policing is "sovereignty at its finest." He says he was frustrated when Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed A.B. 2138, citing an unspecified "legal disparity" it would create between tribal and state officers as his primary concern.

"They are already deputized, already have state peace officer powers," Honsal says of the Yurok Tribe, which operates under a cross-deputization agreement with his office that allows its officers to enforce state law. "They should not be supervised by me. Their power shouldn't come through the sheriff, it should come through the state."

Ramos' office did not respond to a *Journal* inquiry as to how the latest iteration of the bill will address the governor's concern.

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the DA's office asking that it file criminal charges against Bates for the incident with Tim, specifically asking he be charged with kidnapping, false imprisonment, robbery and impersonating a police officer.

On Feb. 11, Honsal forwarded Norton an email he'd sent his administration detailing his view of what was and wasn't within Bear River's authority, saying he'd like to meet with Norton to work on a memorandum of understanding "regarding working together" and wishing Norton a good week.

Three days later, Honsal's office sent the DA a report related to the altercation with Christiansen, asking that Bates be charged with impersonating a police officer, kidnapping, false imprisonment, criminal threats, battery, assault and vandalism.

Bates and Norton say they were never notified and just kept working.

Speaking to the Journal and looking back at the entire situation, Honsal says the criminal referrals stemmed from Tim and Christiansen telling deputies they didn't believe Bates "had the authority" to do what he did.

"And what it came down to was our deputies agreed that they did not have the authority — or Josh Bates did not have the authority — to detain this person for the offense he thought they were committing," Honsal says, adding the deputies "ran it by the sergeant" and decided, "We're going to refer this to the DA and they can choose to do with it what they want."

Asked by the *Journal* whether he personally signed off on the incredibly rare step of referring a local law enforcement officer to be prosecuted, Honsal says he did.

"I was aware of it," he says. "I could have stopped it if I didn't believe there was probable cause."

In interviews with both Honsal and Norton, two things become apparent: They do not like one other, and both have very strident views of what seems to have been a very gray area of law.

Norton, for his part, notes that he and Honsal clashed when Norton was in Hoopa and the tribe was considering a new cross deputization agreement with the sheriff's office. Norton says he didn't like that the new agreement being instituted under Honsal required tribal officers to wear the sheriff's office patch, write reports in its case management system, turn evidence over to the sheriff's office and train under its field training officers. Perhaps worst of all, he says, the agreement stipulated that if there was a crime scene on tribal land, any officer responding from the sheriff's office would outrank tribal police on scene, meaning a new

deputy could be placed in charge over a tribal police chief.

So, Norton says he pushed back against the agreement when he was in Hoopa and had no interest in pursuing it when he arrived in Bear River. In fact, Norton says he's not sure anyone informed the sheriff's office that Bear River was starting its own police force.

"I did not inform the sheriff's office because I did not have to," he says. "Should we have a relationship? Sure. But I already had that conversation with him and I don't need his permission to have a police department."

Norton says he knew the law and ran the Bear River department "the way POST would have wanted to see it run," noting he understood his officers could not make arrests but was confident case law outlined they could detain non-Native people when they suspected they'd committed a crime or were a threat to the health and safety of the tribe.

Honsal, for his part, notes things "had gotten pretty contentious" by the time Bates was referred to be prosecuted and lays most of the blame on Norton for "trying to convince people at the tribe that he had more authority than the law allows."

"We tried to tell him, 'This is the law,'" Honsal recalls. "We've researched it. We understand you have a different interpretation, but there's nothing on the books that indicates the law is to be interpreted the way you're interpreting it."

While a 2021 U.S. Supreme Court ruling has leant some clarity to the issue of whether tribal police authority extends to non-Native people absent a cross deputization agreement, Honsal says at the time he understood the law to be clear.

"Tribal police could not stop non-Natives on tribal land and detain them longer than necessary to determine whether or not they are Native and committed a crime on tribal land," he says. "If there's something readily apparent that a crime is occurring, they can detain that person on tribal land and then turn them over to the correct authority."

Norton points out that other jurisdictions have different interpretations, noting the Sycuan Tribe has an agreement with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office that allows it to directly file reports and make referrals for violations of state law. Honsal recalls that at one point Norton even put him on a Zoom call with Sycuan's police chief.

"We asked them, what case law gives you that authority? How can you enforce state law?" Honsal recalls. "He said, 'We have this agreement.' I said, 'Well, I understand you have this agreement, but what's

the statute that gives you the authority to detain? 'Well, it's an agreement.' 'Yeah, it's an agreement between you and the DA, not the person who's being stopped.'"

Norton says he doesn't understand why Honsal pushed so hard against Bear River's efforts to increase community safety.

"I don't know why the sheriff really has a hard stance on this," Norton says. "I see us as an asset. I went to the same academy as he did, not too many years after he did. All our officers hold the same credentials."

Similarly, Honsal says he still doesn't understand Norton's approach to the issue, noting he feels like he has positive working relationships with other local tribal police departments, adding that Bear River is the only one still operating without a cross deputization agreement with his office.

"With Dana, it was contentious the entire way and he just did not take my word for it," Honsal says. "As far as this case goes, I believe Dana misinformed his people on what their authority could be and officer Bates was caught in the middle of this."

Legal experts consulted by the *Journal* say there are gray areas and ambiguities in the law, but use terms like "curious" and "unusual" to describe one law enforcement entity seeking to have another's officer prosecuted over these types of disagreements.

Rory Little, a professor at the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco, says there is ambiguity and uncertainty with tribal law enforcement jurisdiction and authority, which leads to inevitable conflicts between local authorities with adjacent jurisdictions "with an almost invisible black line between them." But Little dismisses the notion that there's a marked legal difference between putting someone in handcuffs and waiting for a deputy to arrive compared to putting them in handcuffs and driving them a few blocks to wait somewhere else for a deputy to arrive.

"You put someone in handcuffs, you call it whatever you want, you've effected a Fourth Amendment seizure of that person," Little says, adding that this situation seems to be a "power play" between local officials. "It's a case where someone above them has to walk in and say, 'Come on guys, get out of the school yard and settle this.' It does seem extreme the sheriff's office would refer these for prosecution based on the little I know, and it does seem right that the district attorney would decline to file charges."

On July 20, 2021, Fleming, then district attorney, wrote the sheriff's office a letter indicating she was rejecting both cases referred against Josh Bates "in the interest of justice." Her successor, Stacey Eads, says she cannot comment further on the

decision, citing "attorney work product privilege."

As such, it's unclear if the U.S. Supreme Court decision in the case of *United States v. Cooley*, handed down June 1, 2021, played a factor, but it's not a stretch to think it could have. Applauded by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and other Native groups, the unanimous decision affirmed tribal police have the authority to temporarily detain and search non-Native people on a reservation.

While Bates was never charged with a crime, he says his life fell into a bit of a tailspin after that call from Martin in March of 2022. As he worked to come to grips with the fact that his law enforcement career was likely over, Bates says he depleted the family's savings while looking for work. He says he also struggled to hold down a job, saying he'd start a new position and things would go OK and then the "wheels would just kind of fall off."

He says he went into therapy and was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

"I had to come to terms with law enforcement not being a part of my life anymore," he says, adding it took some work to get to the point where he could maintain a positive outlook.

He also had to work to clear his name. In the immediate aftermath of that call with Martin and the subsequent meeting with the DA's office, Bates says he requested his case records from the sheriff's office but was denied. He says he then received a call the same day from Baxley, the DA investigator, saying Honsal told her he would sign the necessary paperwork for Bates to clear the charges from his record.

So on June 6, 2022, Bates submitted a petition to seal and destroy arrest records for the two cases to the sheriff's office, following staff's direction of how to do so. Checking in a few weeks later on the status of the request, Bates says he was told he hadn't filled out the forms correctly, so he resubmitted them June 29. About a week later, he says he got a call notifying him that the sheriff's office had denied his petition, citing only its "discretion" to do so.

Frustrated, Bates then reached back out to the California Department of Justice and even called then Sen. Dianne Feinstein's office seeking assistance. Finally, he was connected with California Indian Legal Services, which agreed to take his case even though he is not Native, as he was working for a local tribe when the incidents occurred.

Directing Attorney Denise Bareilles then filed new petitions seeking to have Bates' records sealed and destroyed on May 1,



Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal (right) and former Bear River police officer Josh Bates (second from right) pose with other members of a criminal justice panel before speaking to local youth at McKinleyville Middle School in 2021.

File photo

2023. Six weeks later, Bates received a letter from Honsal saying he'd been "deemed factually innocent of the charges," and the case was being sealed and destroyed pursuant to California penal code.

Asked about the apparent change of decision, Honsal says he's not sure why Bates' first petition was denied, saying they usually go to the records bureau manager for review. The second, he says, "got escalated to my level because an attorney was involved," adding that he felt it appropriate to grant the petition.

It does not appear Bates' second request went through the channels outlined in the sheriff's office' policy 804 governing the records division, which outlines a process for considering petitions for determinations of factual innocence and the destruction of records.

"Petitions should be forwarded to the Administration Supervisor," the policy states. "The Administration Supervisor should promptly contact the prosecuting attorney and request a written opinion as to whether the petitioner is factually innocent of the charges. ... Upon receipt of the written opinion from the prosecuting attorney affirming factual innocence, the Administration Supervisor should forward the petition to the Major Crimes Division Supervisor and County Counsel for review. After such review and consultation with the County Counsel, the Major Crimes Division Supervisor and the Administration Supervisor shall decide whether a finding of factual innocence is appropriate."

Eads, the current district attorney, says she doesn't believe her office was consulted "regarding the determination of factual innocence." If the request was forwarded to the Major Crimes Division or county

counsel for review, that was not reflected in documents released to the *Journal* in response to its California Public Records Act request.

In the years since Bates' case was referred for prosecution, Honsal has chaired the California State Sheriffs' Association's committee on tribal issues and been a vocal proponent of several bills by Ramos, the state assemblymember, that would allow tribal police departments to become state certified and enforce state law on tribal lands. Norton, meanwhile, was separated from employment with Bear River in 2023, when Jackson took over as chief, and now works as a school resource officer in the Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District. (Jackson, the sergeant who responded to the Christiansen incident, also repeatedly declined to comment for this story.)

Meanwhile, Bates, has now landed a solid job doing human resources work at a nonprofit based in Cutten. Ironically, he says, the job has a lot of parallels to law enforcement, saying it's all about following policies and procedures. He says he's at peace with where he is but the road getting here has been hard.

"Things were going well before this and since it's been a constant struggle to stay afloat," he says. "Looking back at my situation, fuck, I really struggled for a while trying to find my footing. It took some time before I could string enough consistent good days together."

Bates pauses, adding, "I know I was a good officer and I followed the law." ●

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The dining room at the Ivanhoe Hotel, Restaurant and Saloon before its 2020 closure.

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The Ivanhoe's Next Chapter

By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

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It was Hospitality Night in Ferndale in 1997 when the last incarnation of the Ivanhoe opened on Main Street. Barb and Dave Mogni would run the iconic restaurant and bar for more than two decades until Dave's death in 2020. But the Ivanhoe Hotel, Restaurant and Saloon has been a landmark in the town since 1875, rebuilt twice after fires in 1875 and 1944, coming back each time to regulars waiting to take up seats at the redwood bar and dig into steaks in the dining room.

Now new owner Geoffrey Musselman is taking over the historic spot with plans to touch up the joint but keep its character and menu intact. Familiar faces in the kitchen are part of that plan. "I just hope we can make Barabara proud and make the people happy," he says. "That's all I really care about."

While Musselman grew up in Arcata, he says he spent the last four decades working as a plumber in Southern California before retiring and returning to Humboldt County. His niece, a local realtor, pitched the idea of buying the

Ivanhoe. "I'd only eaten there twice over the years," he says, though he has family who were regulars. As this will also be his first foray into the restaurant and hospitality business, he says he's grateful for the guidance he's received.

"Barabara [Mogni] has been a huge help and she's agreed to stay on for a few months to get everything started," says Musselman, who's planning to be on site running the business end of things. She's also passed on the restaurant's signature recipes, which will be prepared by Ivanhoe alumni. Jeff Dunker, who cooked there for two years before the restaurant closed, will be returning to the kitchen. "I'm thrilled about that because it's huge to have somebody who knows how to cook the meals that people enjoyed before," says Musselman.

Dunker, who most recently cooked at Campground, then at Salt, as chef, speaks enthusiastically about returning to the Ivanhoe as chef and kitchen manager, and again cooking from the well-loved menu. "People love the place. I love to eat in there so it doesn't really need

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to change too much,” he says. He has missed the prime rib with au jus, himself. “I’m excited about getting that back,” he says.

Aside from a couple of additions, Musselman says, “We’re gonna keep it basically the same,” which includes the cacciatore and polenta, for those who might be concerned. Customers can expect the bar to open at 11 a.m. with lunch service, before the dining room opens at 4 p.m. Food, he says, will be available at the bar whenever it’s open, along with a new roster of mocktails. Musselman says despite not being a drinker, he recently attended bartending school in case he should ever need to fill in.

Like much of the rest of the building, the bar top is made from redwood, now revealed after stripping layers of paint. “It’s a nice lookin’ piece of wood,” says Musselman. Plans to remove wallpaper and carpeting, as well as adding a copper ceiling in the bar, will keep the old-fashioned feel, he says, while “lightening up” the rooms a bit. He’s also looking at improvements to the acoustics in the dining room, where it was known to get loud during busy times.

“We are going to open up the hotel again but it’s all going to be more modern,” says Musselman, noting the five rooms will have more of a “spa feel” than before.

First to open, though, will be the bar, says Musselman, hopefully in February, with the opening of the dining room to follow. He says he’s pleased to start a new adventure but also to bring back a gathering place that people tell him they’ve missed. “People want to come back.”

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Featuring *Pablo Paz & His Daughter, Sky*

Pablo Paz and his two children moved to Humboldt County two years ago, leaving Southern California in search of a better quality of life. Encouraged by his sister, a Humboldt State University graduate, Pablo settled in Eureka and quickly found a community he and his family could thrive in.

Murphy's Markets became a part of their routine almost immediately. With its convenient location near his work and his daughter Sky's school in Sunnybrae, the store felt like a natural fit. Over the past three years, it has become their go-to spot for groceries and quick meals. Pablo praises Murphy's for its fresh, organic, and local food options, particularly the seafood, which he says is unmatched in quality. He and Sky also love grabbing lunch from the deli, appreciating its speed and delicious offerings.

For Pablo, shopping at a locally-owned store like Murphy's is more than a convenience—it's a way to support the community. As the owner of a firewood

business, he's built a reciprocal relationship with Murphy's, even gaining clients through connections made there. He admires their involvement in local schools, sports, and other community initiatives, which reinforces his belief in the importance of keeping business local.

Pablo also highlights the welcoming atmosphere at Murphy's. He and Sky enjoy being greeted warmly by staff every time they visit, creating a sense of belonging. One particularly memorable experience was when he gave business cards to Jaime at the store, which brought him new customers and strengthened his ties to the area.

When asked why someone should shop at Murphy's, Pablo doesn't hesitate: the quality of the food and the friendly environment make it stand out.



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Orpheus in the Underworld

By Collin Yeo

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Things are picking up somewhat around here but not quite to the levels we can expect to see in the coming weeks. This is the time of the winter lull, when many bands are dormant in response to a limited audience. Marry that to the ongoing series of closing venues, general economic misery and a sense of societal decay that hangs everywhere like a heavy fog of diesel fumes over a poisoned bay, and you start to really get a feel for the physical pull of depression cratering the cultural landscape and beyond. Everyone lives to work and works to live, and nothing is getting less expensive or easier. We have a news cycle as alarming as it is deeply stupid, with a pinwheel of possible new adventures on the horizon, from manufactured wars to domestic terrorism by ex-military types to another possible pandemic. All of which have the opportunity to cease this little column and its small corner of expression in our remote home county. Which isn't much in the larger view of things but still doesn't make me feel particularly good. I'm nothing if not a man set on and obsessed with distractions from the massive, dumb forces rolling around like a uranium pinball on the terrain of our unfolding history. People get mad at me when I write this, but while art expresses the big things quite well, it just doesn't change them, at least not in the way we all wish it did, anyway. Vonnegut agreed with me on that point (or rather, I with him), but I'll probably still garner the ire of some wilted flower children who still haven't recognized that the perfume promises of a New Age have shifted their scents to the coffin-freshener smell of the undead. Ah, yes, that new crypt smell, finer than the commercial cologne splendor of Corinthian Leather. It's everywhere you look these days, where the real fortune is to be made in commodifying the decay until the money falls apart with everything else.

Oh well, let's go on and go out and

have whatever fun we can find anyway. It's not like we have a choice.

Be well and consider this my first official welcome to you from 2025.

Thursday

Swing on by the Basement this evening at 8 p.m. if you are in the mood for some swing jazz and pop excellence, courtesy of **Swingo Domingo**. No cover at the door, but as always, consider bringing some coin for refreshments and to give the players a dram of something.

Friday

Christ Episcopal Church in Eureka continues its fine use of the pipe organ on site, with a concert by visiting virtuosic player **Adam Brakel**. The program includes appropriately Baroque tunes, as well as a rendition of French organist Léonce de Saint-Martin's *Toccata de la Libération*, written to celebrate the 1944 expulsion of the Nazis from Paris. There is a suggested donation of \$20 and the concert begins at 7 p.m.

Saturday

San Francisco comedians **Spencer Devine** and **Rachel Pilson** continue the last of their two-night headlining residency at Savage Henry Comedy Club tonight at 9 p.m. (\$10). If you would like to get in on the ground floor of some rising Bay Area stand-ups, tonight or Friday's gigs are the place to be.

On the topic of stand-up comedy, national headliner and late night TV performer **Michael Palascak** is doing an earlier set at the Arcata Theatre Lounge tonight at 6 p.m. Early bird tickets are going for \$20, while the door cover will cost you \$5 more. This show is advertised as having an 8:30 p.m. ending, so in theory you could hit both spots and fill your entire night with laughter for under \$40.



Mike Vallely and Greg Ginn of Black Flag, play the Arcata Theatre Lounge at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Photo by Rob Wallace, courtesy of the artists

Sunday

My beat is about live music but that's nominal, given the gaps in that genre of entertainment locally, and the need to fill them with something to offer people outside of the confines of their own homes. That being said, I will never consider an endorsement of big screen Muppet movies to be filler: I do now, and have always, loved those fuzzy weirdos, and am happy to rep their canon. Especially when they are paired with an actor like Tim Curry, a man so multi-talented, unique, yet chameleon-like he seems like a being who, not unlike the Muppets, transcends the technical range of mere humanity. You can enjoy the antics of his Long John Silver and his scurvy crew of felted sea dogs at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, which will be showing the 1996 film **Muppet Treasure Island** tonight. Doors at 5 p.m., show starts at 6 p.m. (\$8, \$12 with movie poster).

Monday

Keep the home fires burning and close the pens and shutters tight; there's nothing new tonight other than the first full moon of the New Year, the Wolf Moon.

Tuesday

Black Flag is one of the few original wave of American punk acts who have everything needed to cement a worldwide icon status: a highly influential discography that covers everything from early hardcore to proto-sludge, grunge and alternative metal; an instantly recognizable sound throughout despite five decades of line-up changes, with guitarist Greg Ginn remaining the only constant; and a four-bar, stylized logo that is instantly recogniz-

able everywhere. Like a lot of iconic bands from many different genres, the band has various eras — I happen to be mostly into the sludgy, creepy-crawl and jazz punk sounds of records like *My War* and *The Process of Weeding Out* — and as such has a deep well to draw from for setlist. The current line-up, fronted by pro-skateboarder Mike Vallely, is currently on tour playing *The First Four Years* compilation album released in 1983, featuring tracks the band recorded before Henry Rollins joined as vocalist to inaugurate the band's most famous era. You can catch them tonight at the Arcata Theatre Lounge at 7:30 p.m. (\$43).

Wednesday

Not much going on tonight, so I'll take a brief moment to point out two changes to your regular Wednesday night options. Big Mood, the weekly queer dance party at the Miniplex, is no longer happening on hump day but will return on Jan. 24, where it will take up residency on the fourth Friday of every month. Secondly, every Wednesday this month at the Logger Bar, you can enjoy the one-two fun blast of **Jazz Bros** at 4 p.m., followed up by karaoke at 8 p.m. Get it? Got it. Good.

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SEPTENTRIO BARREL ROOM 935 I St., Arcata	A Reason to Listen w/David Holper, DJ Goldylocks, Dre Meza 7-10 p.m. \$5				
SIREN'S SONG TAVERN 325 Second St., Eureka (707) 442-8778	Open Mic Night 7:30 p.m. Free			Sunday Funday (board games provided or bring your own) Free	[T] Siren's Sessions - Open Format Jam, 8 p.m. Free
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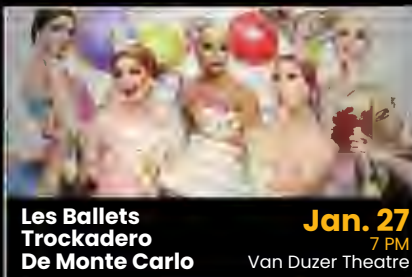


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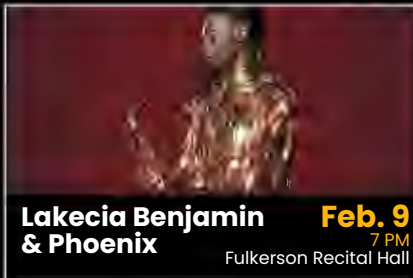
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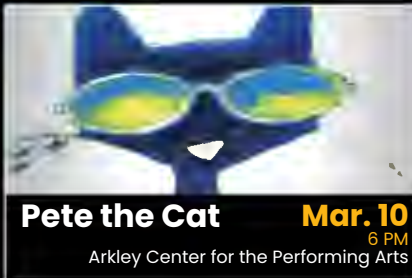
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Roll the dice for a worthy cause at Humboldt's seventh annual **Rotary Yahtzee Tournament**, happening **Saturday, Jan. 11 at 6 p.m.** at **Sequoia Conference Center** (ticket prices vary, purchase online at swrotary.org). Join tables of dice-wielding enthusiasts competing for a 5-foot trophy and cash prizes up to \$500. Your ticket includes a Dorris & Daughter pasta bar dinner starting at 6 p.m., with games kicking off at 7 p.m. A no-host bar with margaritas and other cocktails, beer and wine will also be available. This night of fun is presented by Rotary Club of Old Town Eureka and Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka, and benefits Humboldt County Special Olympics. Ages 21 and up.



David Holper. Submitted

Join local author and Eureka's inaugural Poet Laureate David Holper on **Thursday, Jan. 9**, from **7 to 10 p.m.** at **Septentrio Barrel Room** for **A Reason to Listen**, a monthly poetry gathering (\$5 cash or Venmo). Holper will read from his new novel *The Church of the Very Last Chance*. The evening also includes music from DJ Goldylocks, live art by Dre Meza and an open mic portion, with signups beginning at 6:30 p.m. Kick your weekend off early at this celebration where words, beats and brushstrokes collide.



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Forget your typical Sunday brunch — **Six Rivers Brewery** is serving up something extra in collaboration with **Spectral Drag Productions** when they present **New Year, New Drag** on **Sunday, Jan. 12**, from **9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** (\$15). Doors open and dining begins at 10 a.m. then at 11:30 a.m., local drag performers throw their usual routines out the window and serve fresh lewks. Plus, two brand-new performers make their glittering debut. Who knew Sunday morning could be this fierce? Ages 18 and up. Get tickets on Eventbrite.

9 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. With a live model. Bring your own art supplies. Call to contact Clint. \$5. synopsisperformance.com. (707) 362-9392.

MOVIES

Girl Skateboards' Yeah Right! (2003). 6-8:30 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 6 p.m. Movie at 7 p.m. Directed by Spike Jonze. A cult-classic skate film featuring the Girl Skate team and a cameo from Owen Wilson. \$8, \$12 admission and poster. jason@arcatatheatre.com. tickets.vemos.io/-LvzSYm6udEnGfKIRLa/arcata-theatre-lounge/-OEBf8Aw-LoGjmSgxPOu/girl-skateboards-yeah-right-2003. (707) 613-3030.

SPOKEN WORD

A Reason to Listen. 7-10 p.m. Septentrio Barrel Room, 935 I St., Arcata. Monthly poetry show featuring David Holper, who will read from his novel, *The Church of the Very Last Chance*. Open mic signups at 6:30 p.m. Live music from DJ Goldylocks. Live art from Dre Meza. Cash or Venmo for the door and books. \$5. eurekapoetlaureate@gmail.com.

OUTDOORS

Nature Quest. 3-6 p.m. Headwaters Forest Reserve, End of Elk River Road, 6 miles off U.S. Highway 101, Eureka. Explore trails and share mindfulness practices, group conversation and other eco-therapeutic activities. Transportation available for Eureka residents. Call to pre-register. Free. chaskell@eurekaca.gov. eurekaheroes.org. (707) 382-5338.

SPORTS

Lost Coast Cornhole League Night. Second Thursday of every month, 6-10 p.m. Fortuna Veterans Hall/Memorial Building, 1426 Main St. Monthly league nights are open to all ages and skill levels. Registration opens at 5 p.m. Games at 6 p.m. Different format each week. Bags are

available to borrow if you do not own a set. Drinks available at the Canteen. Outside food OK. \$15. mike@buffaloboard.com.

10 Friday

ART

Life Drawing Sessions. 10 a.m.-noon. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. Hosted by Joyce Jonté. \$10, cash or Venmo.

BOOKS

Jerry Martien Book Signing and Reading. 6-8 p.m. Northtown Books, 957 H St., Arcata. The author reads from his new book *Waveshock: Ed Ricketts, the Voyage of the Grampus & Our Biopoetic Future*. Free. editor@emptybowl.org. (206) 909-8129.

MUSIC

Concert Organist Adam Brakel. 7-8:30 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church, 1428 H St., Eureka. The concert organist performs works by Baroque, French and American composers, concluding with Toccata de La Liberation, composed to celebrate the liberation of Paris in 1944. \$20. christchurcheureka@gmail.com. (707) 442-1797.

FOR KIDS

Kid's Night at the Museum. 5:30-8 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. Drop off your 3.5-12 year old for interactive exhibits, science experiments, crafts and games, exploring the planetarium, playing in the water table or jumping into the soft blocks. \$17-\$20. info@discovery-museum.org. discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html. (707) 443-9694.

Weekly Preschool Story Time. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers. Other family members are welcome to join in the fun. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humlib.org. (707) 269-1910.

MEETINGS

Language Exchange Meetup. Second Friday of every

month, 6-8 p.m. Richards' Goat Tavern & Tea Room, 401 I St., Arcata. Speak your native language. Teach someone a language. Learn a language. brightandgreenhumboldt@gmail.com. richardsgoat.com. (925) 214-8099.

11 Saturday

EVENTS

Rotary Yahtzee Tournament. 6 p.m. Sequoia Conference Center, 901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka. Dorris & Daughter pasta bar dinner and no-host bar at 6 p.m. followed by tournament play at 7 p.m. Tickets online. Presented by Old Town Eureka and Southwest Eureka clubs. swrotary.org.

FOR KIDS

Second Saturday Family Arts Day. 2-4 p.m. Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. Create representational sculptures inspired by nature using driftwood. This project is inspired by artist Duncan Robins work in his exhibition titled, "Human-Nature." All materials supplied. humboldtarts.org.

FOOD

Arcata Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Fresh produce, meat, fish, cheese, eggs, bread, flowers and more. Enjoy music and hot food vendors. No pets are allowed, but trained, ADA certified service animals are welcome. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org. (707) 441-9999.

Pancake Breakfast. Second Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon. Salvation Army, 2123 Tydd St., Eureka. Fundraiser to benefit the local community. Pancakes, sausage, eggs and coffee. \$8, children/seniors \$5. stephanie.wonnacott@usw.salvationarmy.org. (707) 442-6475.

MEETINGS

Woodturners Meeting. Second Saturday of every month, 1-3 p.m. Almquist Lumber Company, 5301 Boyd Road, Arcata. Beginning and experienced turners exchange ideas, instruction and techniques. Themed

project demo, show-and-tell opportunities and Q&A. This month's topic is: Turning A Bowl - Start to Finish. Visitors welcome. Free. redcoastturners@gmail.com. (707) 633-8147.

OUTDOORS

Dune Restoration Volunteer Day. Second Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane, Manila. Restore the biodiversity of the coastal dunes with the team. Snacks and tools provided. Meet at the center a few minutes before 10 a.m. Free. info@friendsofthedunes.org. friendsofthedunes.org. (707) 444-1397.

FOAM Marsh Tour. 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leader Paul Johnson at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on "the small things along the trails that people often miss." Free. (707) 826-2359.

Habitat Improvement Team Volunteer Workday. Second Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta. Help restore habitat by removing invasive, non-native plants and maintaining native plant areas. Wear long pants, long sleeves and closed-toe shoes. Bring drinking water. Tools, gloves and snack provided. denise_seeger@fws.gov. fws.gov/refuge/humboldt-bay. (707) 733-5406.

SPORTS

Fortuna Recreational Volleyball. 10 a.m.-noon. Fortuna High School, 379 12th St. Ages 45 and Up. Call Dolly. In the Girls Gym. (707) 725-3709.

Hard Fought Championship. 7:30 p.m. Sapphire Palace, Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way. High-energy mixed martial arts and kickboxing bouts. \$55. bluelakecasino.com.

ETC

The Bike Library. 12-4 p.m. The Bike Library, 1286 L St., Arcata. Hands-on repair lessons and general maintenance, used bicycles and parts for sale. Donations of parts and bicycles gladly accepted. nothingtoseehere@riseup.net.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday Canteen. 3-9 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. Enjoy a cold beverage in the canteen with comrades. Play pool or darts. If you're a veteran, this place is for you. Free. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. (707) 443-5331.

12 Sunday

DANCE

Afro-Fusion Feel and Flow. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Explore and enjoy a fusion of West African movements from Guinea, Senegal, Liberia, Congo and Mali with the genre of Afro beats and traditional West African drumming. \$10-\$15. together@sanctuaryarcata.org. sanctuaryarcata.org. (707) 822-0898.

MOVIES

Muppet Treasure Island (1996). 5-8 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show at 5 p.m. Movie at 6 p.m. Kermit the Frog and his colleagues vs. ruthless pirates. Enjoy themed-cocktails and a curated pre-show. \$8, \$12 w/poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. tickets.vemos.io/-LvzSYm6udEnGfKIRLa/arcata-theatre-lounge/-OEMoiD-zJ0ljfeeMYGrk/muppet-treasure-island-1996. (707) 613-3030.

EVENTS

New Year, New Drag. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Six Rivers Brewery, Tasting Room & Restaurant, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Drag brunch. Doors and dining 10 a.m., show 11:30

a.m. Ages 18 and up. \$15. sixriversbrewery.com.

FOOD

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Free, hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

OUTDOORS

Arcata Marsh Second Sunday Cycling Tour. Second Sunday of every month, 2-3:30 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet Andy Feinstein for a 90-minute, docent-led tour focusing on wetlands, wildlife and wastewater treatment. Bring your own bike or eBike; all ages welcome. Participants will be offered a free FOAM logo bike bell on request. Heavy rain cancels. info@arcatamarshfriends.org. (707) 826-2359.

ETC

Humboldt Flea Market. Second Sunday of every month, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. New location. Browse antiques, collectibles, tools, records, clothes, crafts, pies, jams and more. \$2, free for kids under 13.

13 Monday

ART

Life Drawing Sessions. 6-8 p.m. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. See Jan. 10 listing.

ETC

Homesharing Info Session. 9:30-10 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. This informational Zoom session will go over the steps and safeguards of Area 1 Agency on Aging's matching process and the different types of homeshare partnerships. Email for the link. Free. homeshare@alaa.org. alaa.org/homesharing. (707) 442-3763.

14 Tuesday

MUSIC

Black Flag. 7:30-11:59 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. All ages. Doors 7:30 p.m., show at 8:30 p.m. Performing *The First Four Years*. \$43. info@arcatatheatre.com. seetickets.us/event/an-evening-w-black-flag-performing-the-first-four-years/615921. (707) 613-3030.

SPOKEN WORD

The Deposition. 9-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Savage Henry's monthly storytelling show. Produced and hosted by Brooke Haskell and Lesley Ann. \$5. savagehenrycomedy.com.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Cribbage Club Tournament. 6:15-9 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Weekly six-game cribbage tournament for experienced players. Inexperienced players may watch, learn and play on the side. Moose dinner available at 5:30 p.m. \$3-\$8. 31for14@gmail.com. (707) 599-4605.

Marine Corps League Meeting. Second Tuesday of every month, 6-6:30 p.m. The Cutten Chalet, 3980 Walnut Drive, Eureka. League meetings are used to plan upcoming events. billj967@gmail.com. (530) 863-3737.

ETC

Disability Peer Advocate Group. Second Tuesday of every month, 3 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Peer advocates supporting each other and furthering the disability cause. Email for the Zoom link. alissa@tilinet.org.

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15 Wednesday

BOOKS

Family Storytime. Third Wednesday of every month, 3:30 p.m. Blue Lake Library, 111 Greenwood Ave. Enjoy stories with local storyteller Kit Mann every third Wednesday of the month. For children of all ages with their caregivers and other family members. Free. humlib.org. (707) 668-4207.

MOVIES

Sci-Fi Night: Idiocracy (2006). 6-9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 6p.m. Raffle at 7 p.m. Main feature at 7:15 p.m. The Pentagon sends an Army private and a prostitute to the year 2505, where they discover they are the smartest people on Earth. Enjoy themed cocktails, a free raffle and a curated pre-show. \$6, \$10 w/poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. tickets.vemos.io/-Lv-vzSYM6udEnGfKIRLa/arcata-theatre-lounge/-OEM5lr-8rQoC0luplxY8/sci-fi-night-idiocracy-2006. (707) 613-3030.

MEETINGS

Mother's Support Circle. Third Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m.-noon. The Ink People Center for the Arts, 627 Third St., Eureka. Mother's Village circle for mothers with a meal and childcare. \$15 to attend, \$10 childcare, sliding scale spots available. (707) 633-3143.

16 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. See Jan. 9 listing.

MUSIC

Greensky Bluegrass Winter Tour. 7:30 p.m. Sapphire Palace, Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way. Bluegrass jam band. \$40. bluelakecasino.com/event/greensky-bluegrass-winter-tour.

EVENTS

Arcata State of the City. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Presentations by Meredith Matthews, Merritt Perry and Michael E. Spagna. Light refreshments. Short Q&A follows. Register online. \$15, free for chamber members. gloria@arcatachamber.com. arcatachamber.com.

MEETINGS

Public Speaking Club Toastmasters International. Every other Thursday, 12-1 p.m. Adorni Recreation Center, 1011 Waterfront Drive, Eureka. Members meet to deliver and evaluate prepared and impromptu speeches to improve as speakers and leaders. Free. jandre@alaa.org. ci.eureka.ca.gov/depts/recreation/adorni_center.asp.

OUTDOORS

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SPORTS

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Heads Up ...

EXIT Theatre seeks submissions for its Short Play Festival. Festival entries will be accepted Jan. 1-31. Twelve plays will have the opportunity for full-stage production. Guidelines for playwrights are at theexit.org.

Personas, College of the Redwoods' literary journal with a multilingual focus, is accepting submissions of original poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, essays and art that considers the experience of multilingualism. Writers need not be multilingual to contribute, and writings may be multilingual, bilingual or monolingual. Open to community members, CR staff, faculty and students. Deadline is midnight on March 16. Email to

jonathan-maiullo@redwoods.edu with the subject line "Personas Submission" and the title of your work.

The Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center seeks weekend volunteers to stay open. Weekend shifts are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 to 5 p.m., and include welcoming visitors, bookstore register and answering questions. You must be at least 18, complete paperwork and fingerprinting (free through Arcata Police). One-on-one training. Call (707) 826-2359 or e-mail amic@cityofarcata.org.

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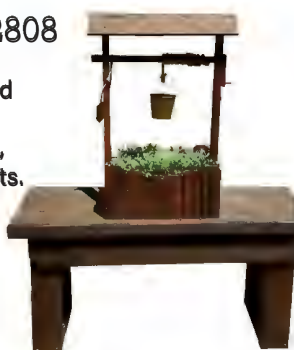
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Red Rooms and Kneecap

By John J. Bennett

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In a fitting end to a discomfiting year, my holidays were canceled in lieu of a protracted illness absent even the minor satisfaction of a diagnosis, or that glorious, wished-for but likely apocryphal fatigue and rest we sometimes associate with influenza. No, this was an unrelenting, tasteless sapping of strength and enthusiasm that, as it wanes, seems like a hangover without the drunk with which to greet a new year.

This period of inactivity has, at least, allowed for some catching up, both in terms of low-mid '80s and '90s schlock (read: soul food) and of some buzzed-about but as-yet unseen features from the year past. And so:

RED ROOMS. I'm not often or easily unnerved by movies. In fact, I've frequently returned to numerous examples that internet listicles would cite as something to never watch again. Still, I'm not immune: *Irreversible* (2002) did what it was supposed to, watching at home, knowing what to expect; *Prisoners* (2013), especially on the big screen, triggered emotions even in a non-parent that felt real, almost dangerous.

But both of those examples were graphic, manipulative in the extreme (although in very different modes) and insistent on directing the audience's eye toward their horrifying subjects. *Red Rooms*, the first work I've seen by Pascal Plante, exists in a similar space but cultivates its horror by omission, absence and sly reference.

In Montreal, Ludovic Chevalier (Maxwell McCabe-Lokos) is being tried for the abduction and torture-murder for money (in dark web "red rooms") of three teenage girls. In the gallery is an enigmatic model and semi-professional poker player named Kelly-Anne (Juliette Gariépy), whose fascination with the trial is driven by obscure motives. As the trial progresses, Kelly-Anne becomes ever more deeply entangled, even for a short time developing a friendship with a Ludovic groupie/defender called Clementine (Laurie Babin), and the movie reveals, excruciatingly methodically, that Kelly-Anne is much closer to the crimes in question than anyone could possibly know.

Plante's visual style, constantly but gradually transforming throughout the

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course of the narrative, moves from stately, almost staid pans in the opening courtroom scenes to not-quite frenzied handheld work as we move into Kelly-Anne's entropic, fixated personal life. It's an ideal pairing with a narrative that unearths the horrors beneath horrors, and grapples with the motivations behind acts of unthinkable violence and, deeper than that, a world within the world that will perhaps always seek to profit from that violence.

I'm not sure *Red Rooms* is an indictment of anything (other than human nature and its increasing ability to honor its worst impulses), but it is the rare example of a movie that forces us to examine horrific acts without putting them directly before our eyes. R. 118M. PRIME.

KNEECAP. Not long ago, a dear friend who has lately become strangely but unsurprisingly fascinated by K-pop expressed some concern that a member of BTS rapping on a single might be considered an example of cultural appropriation. I appreciated this both as an adorable example of my friend's pre-woke sensitivity and as something of a meta-joke. My reply, perhaps not worded as delicately, was that I see hip hop as a universal language, a mode of expression that, while native to this continent and Black originators, should be used as a tool and an artform without boundary or border.

This opinion is both confounded and supported by the fact that rap has in fact become the dialect du jour in global pop music and, in and of itself, has perhaps reached its nadir as a form of expression. I'm up on the porch with the hose again, but show me a metric by which Trippie Redd should enjoy generational wealth while Double K and Gift of Gab should die in relative obscurity and ... well, I'll still just spray you with the hose. Even though hip hop — at least in this country — may have been reduced to pallid imitations of late-20th century European dance music foregrounding (often unintelligible) nonsense lyrics, the medium remains vital.

Enter Kneecap, a band from Belfast of which I had never heard. Point of fact, I assumed they were a fictional construct until after I watched the movie; they're not. They are, rather: Liam Óg Ó hAinle, Naoise Ó Cairealláin and JJ. Ó Dochar-taigh. They've all got stage names, but that can be gleaned from the movie, which is in fact an origin story about two youngsters and a teacher/frustrated producer who came together to make rap music in defense of the indigenous Irish language and the sovereignty of the Northern Ireland. And to talk about drugs and sex and frustration and stuff.

Co-written by the band and director

Rich Peppiatt, *Kneecap* pulses with rebel music and the strain of disenfranchisement, but rendered with grand humor, American action movie pacing and an appropriately scaled sense of sentimentality. In another time, this might have been a landmark of crossover cinema. Now it's buried in the streaming landslide but still very much worth seeking out. R. 105M. NETFLIX, PRIME. ●

John J. Bennett (he/him) is a movie nerd who loves a good car chase.

NOW PLAYING

BABYGIRL. Nicole Kidman stars with Harris Dickinson in a drama about a married CEO who has an affair with an intern. R. 114M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

BETTER MAN. Robbie Williams biopic with a CG simian lead. R. 134M. BROADWAY.

A COMPLETE UNKNOWN. Early Bob Dylan biopic starring Timothée Chalamet. R. 140M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

DEN OF THIEVES 2: PANTERA. A greasy Gerard Butler and O'Shea Jackson Jr. mangle with European mobsters over diamonds in the heist action sequel. R. 144M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

THE FIRE INSIDE. Boxing biopic about Olympiad Claressa "T-Rex" Shields. PG13. 109M. MILL CREEK.

FLOW. Latvian animation about a cat that joins a boatload of animals escaping a flood. PG. 85M. MINOR.

GLADIATOR II. Bread and circuses with Paul Mescal and Connie Nielson, and Roman zaddies Denzel Washington and Pedro Pascal. R. 148M. BROADWAY.

HOMESTEAD. Post-nuclear prepper drama. PG13. 112M. BROADWAY.

MOANA 2. A sequel for the seafaring animated heroine. PG. 100M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

MUFASA: THE LION KING. Animated prequel directed by Barry Jenkins. PG. 118M. BROADWAY (3D), MILL CREEK.

NOSFERATU. A gothic reboot with Bill Skarsgård, Willem Dafoe and Lily-Rose Depp (*clutches garlic). R. 132M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 3. More live action and animated wackiness with Jim Carrey and Keanu Reeves. PG. 110M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

WICKED. Cynthia Erivo and Arianna Grande star as young witches in the musical *Oz* prequel. PG. 160M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

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NCJ WASHED UP

Moon Jellies for Breakfast

By Mike Kelly

washedup@northcoastjournal.com

We at Washed-up Foods Inc. are preparing to launch our first breakfast cereal. It's called Sugar Frosted Moon Flakes.

It's made from our local moon jelly (*Aurelia aurita*), one of the jellyfish species harvested for human consumption. Dried jellies are used in several Asian cuisines, and are high in protein and low in fat, but with a high proportion of polyunsaturated fat. So they are good for you. But apparently, no one has thought to make sugared breakfast cereal from them. We're gonna get rich!

Moon jellies are about 95 percent water. So when they dry out on the beach, they become a round, wafer-thin film. We cut these desiccated jellies into flakes and coat them in coarse granulated sugar to help disguise the sand.

This summer I found enough washed-up moon jellies for the initial test launch of our product. They seem to be the most commonly washed-up large jellyfish on our local beaches — sometimes stranding by the hundreds. They swim by pulsating their umbrella-canopy-shaped bodies, but they are weak swimmers, even compared to other jellyfish. So they are at the mercy of currents and beaches.

Moon jellies are commonly more than a foot in diameter and are a pleasing translucent purple and/or blue. Unlike many familiar jellyfish, moon jellies only have very short tentacles that ring the margin of their dome. The tentacles have stinging cells but they are not large or powerful enough to affect a human. They also have four prominent horseshoe-shaped gonads under the dome, which are visible through the body. Thin branching lines radiate from the tentacles to the jelly's center, helping move trapped prey to the stomach.

Moon jellies are predators of just about any small animal that contacts its tentacles, including juvenile fishes, crustaceans and any kind of unlucky larva. Predators of adult moon jellies include a variety of fishes, sea turtles, birds and other large jellyfish.

The reproductive cycle of all jellyfish is complex. But moon jellies take the process in even stranger directions. Male moon jellies release sperm in the presence of females. But unlike most other jellyfish, the females retain the fertilized eggs and effectively guard them. The eggs hatch into a free-swimming larva called a "planula."



Inspecting a large washed-up moon jelly.

Photo by Mike Kelly

This planula settles on the bottom and transforms into a colony of polyps. The polyps then bud off tiny dome-shaped individual "medusae." These medusae grow into the familiar adult moon jelly.

But recent research has shown that moon jellies can "grow younger" during adverse conditions by reverting to the polyp stage to produce new medusae that are genetic clones of the original adult. In principle, this cycle can occur an unlimited number of times. So, they are said to be "biologically immortal," though each individual is likely to die before doing this multiple times, especially after Moon Flakes become popular.

This process of cells reverting to previous types of cells is called "transdifferentiation." Due to this ability, moon jellies are an important test organism for the study of aging in humans. And if we can force adult humans to revert to children, we can sell a lot more sugared cereal!

For marketing purposes, we have a cartoon mascot who tries to steal Moon Flakes from children. He's a huge anthropomorphic crab with a bandit mask and impossibly large claws.

When the kids see the bandit crab approaching, they say, "Silly crab, Moon Flakes are for kids!" The crab replies with his catchphrase: "Give me the goddam Moon Flakes or I'll crush your heads."

(Please contact me at the email address above for an investment prospectus.) ●

Biologist Mike Kelly (he/him) is also the author of the book Tigerfish: Traditional and Sport Fishing on the Niger River, Mali, West Africa. It's available at Amazon or everywhere e-books are sold.

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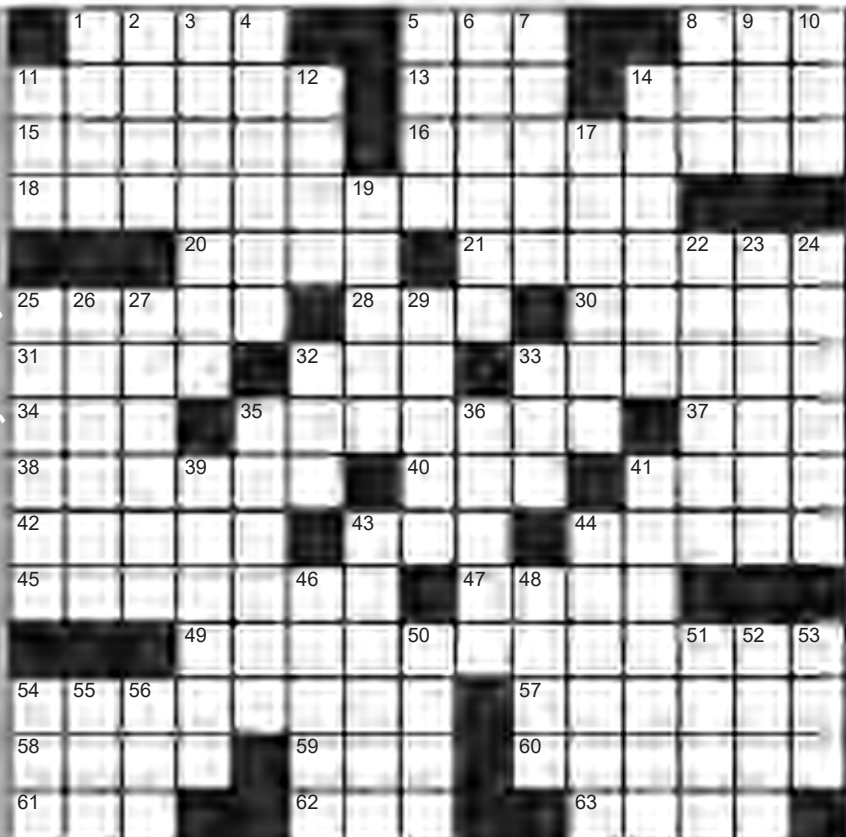
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THE BEST OF 2024 — ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

ACROSS

1. It comes to mind

5. Presidential nickname

8. About to run out

11. Sonnet division

13. Reaction to some memes

14. Additional

15. Rodeos and Axioms, e.g.

16. Miranda July novel that made The New Yorker's "The Essential Reads 2024" list

18. Netflix "true story" miniseries that was #2 on The Guardian's "50 Best TV Shows of 2024"

20. Quaff made with honey

21. Build up

25. Jason who's one half of Jay & Silent Bob

28. Screw up

30. Andean wool source
31. Wood-chopping tools

32. Iconic toy store ____ Schwarz

33. Onetime office note-takers

34. Dinghy propeller

35. Poker-themed roguelike deck-builder nominated for The Game Awards' 2024 Game of the Year

37. "____ Been Everywhere"

38. Marvel mutant with cold powers

40. "____ Meninas" (Velazquez painting)

41. "Slumdog" Millionaire" actor Kapoor

42. Reserved

43. Attached document, sometimes

44. Super Bowl XLIV MVP Drew

45. Tailless breed
47. Growing business?

49. Country crossover album that made many "Best of 2024" lists

54. Character paired with Wolverine in a 2024 title, the highest-grossing R-rated film ever

57. ____ del Fuego

58. Where eye color comes from

59. Penn who's not opposite Teller

60. Pants length measurement

61. ____ see ew

62. Greek letter found within other Greek letters

63. "Don't change that," to an editor
2. Paint badly

3. Organic catalysts

4. Sky blue shades

5. Permanent "QI" panelist Davies

6. Not as shy

7. "Grey's Anatomy" star Pompeo

8. "Skip To My ____"

9. Hockey star Bobby

10. "Isle of Dogs" director Anderson

11. Member of the fam

12. Out sailing

14. Personnel concern

17. Was defeated by

19. Best possible

22. Froglike, to

23. Film appropriate for all ages

24. Art studio props

25. "Little Red Book" ideology

26. Bet at Churchill Downs

27. "____ American Band" (1973 Grand
29. Author Dahl

32. Season ticket holder

33. School elders, for short

35. Half a stereotypical interrogation team

36. Confection that gets pulled

39. Shared albums around the 2000s?

41. Seat adjunct

43. JFK's craft in WWII

44. Zombie chant

46. Got up

48. Play's opener

50. Mexican earthenware vessel

51. Elm, palm, or maple

52. Part of QED

53. L.A. football player

54. Part of a party spread

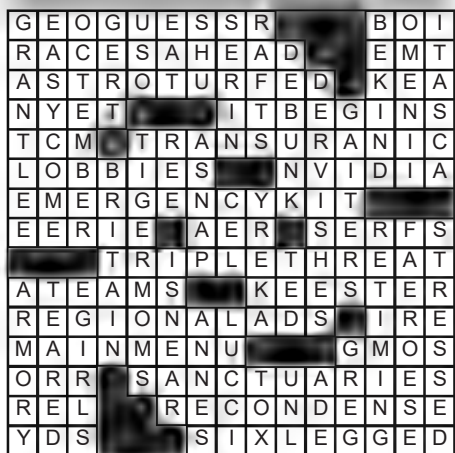
55. Period of history

56. Financial help
- Funk Railroad album)

DOWN

1. "____ little too late for that"

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS TO OXEN FREE



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EASY #76



LEGAL NOTICES

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PUBLIC NOTICE
STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District invites submission of a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for a variety of engineering, environmental and construction management services for the District's R.W. Matthews Dam seismic stability assessment project, and to assist the District with the Administration of a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program / Advance Assistance grant.

The Request for Qualifications is on the District website:

www.hbmwd.com

The deadline to submit a SOQ is 3:00 pm on
February 5, 2025.

Firms wishing to submit a SOQ are encouraged to contact the District at (707) 443-5018 to discuss this request.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
WALNUT DRIVE UTILITY EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY
AND RESILIENCY PROJECT

HUMBOLDT COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
5055 WALNUT DRIVE, EUREKA, CA 95503

The specifications for the project are available on the District's website: <https://humboldtcsd.org/public-notice>. Printed packages are available from the Humboldt Community Services District Office by appointment only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment, please call (707) 443-4550.

Sealed bids will be received by the Humboldt Community Services District at the District office at 5055 Walnut Drive, Eureka, CA 95503 until **5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, February 10, 2025**. Bids will be opened and read aloud at a public Zoom meeting to be held at **2:00 p.m. Pacific Time on February 11, 2025**. Sealed bid documents must be received in person or by US Mail or another courier. No fax or email bids will be accepted. It is estimated that the lowest responsible, responsive bidder will be provided notice of award as early as **February 21, 2025**. The successful bidder will then have **100 consecutive work days from March 31, 2025 and completed no later than November 3, 2025**, to complete the Walnut Drive Utility Earthquake Recovery and Resiliency Project.

The project extents are located within the Public Right of Way, and as such, the Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining an encroachment permit from the County of Humboldt and Submitting the traffic control plan located on sheet 10 of the plan sheets. Any traffic control plans required by the County beyond the attached traffic control plan will be the responsibility of the Contractor to produce the encroachment permit and traffic control plan shall be submitted to the District no later than a **minimum of four weeks** before constructions begins.

The contractor will be able to stage equipment and material in the yard of Humboldt community Services District. However, the contractor will only be able to access staged equipment and materials during work hours 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The District is not liable for any vandalism, damages, or stolen equipment or materials.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at **2:00 P.M. January 13, 2025**. The pre-bid meeting will be a webbased Zoom meeting. Please find the instructions for attending in the Notice to Contractors on page 2 of this section. Please email the District's Assistant Engineer at engineer@humboldtcsd.org to register for the meeting. The subject line of the email from the prospective contractors shall be: "Walnut Drive Utility Earthquake Recovery and Resiliency Pre-Bid Meeting Request." All prospective prime contractors are required to attend the meeting to be eligible to bid on this project.

The Humboldt Community Services District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Humboldt Community Services District will not be liable for any cost incurred by the bidder incidental to the preparation, submittal, or evaluation of their bids, or in the negotiation, execution, and delivery of an agreement that may be awarded as a result of this Advertisement for Bids.

Kush Rawal

Assistant Engineer

Humboldt Community Services District

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
Carolyn Owens CASE NO.
PR2400093

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Carolyn Owens

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner, Robert Owens In the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. The petition for probate requests that Robert Owens be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 23, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:
Thomas B. Hjerpe
Hjerpe Law, LLP
350 E Street, 1st Floor
Eureka, Ca 95501

12/26, 1/2, 1/9 (24-475)

PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at auction by competitive bidding on the 22nd of January, 2025, at 9:00 AM, on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Rainbow Self Storage. Arcata and McKinleyville auctions are online at www.StorageAuctions.com. The online auction begins 01/09/25 at 8AM and will end 01/22/25 at 8AM.

The following spaces are located at 4055 Broadway Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt.

Redwood Electronics, Space #5034
Kyli Howard, Space #5043
Margaret Holverson, Space #5067
Michelle Lockett, Space #5268
Laura Gray, Space #5401
Lobelia Jennings, Space #5408
Anna Sparer, Space #5420

The following spaces are located at 639 W. Clark Street Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Carol Martinez, Space #2016
Sandra Lamoreaux, Space #2109
Patricia Zito, Space #3103
Mark Andersen, Space #3203

The following spaces are located at 3618 Jacobs Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

John Malone, Space #1198
Eric Owsley, Space #1369
Ric Sidebottom, Space #1526
Christopher Wilson, Space #1591
Stephanie Springs, Space #1739

The following spaces are located at 105 Indianola Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Dorsey Knowles, Space #176
Ric Sidebottom, Space #194
Michael Godecki, Space #275
Dan Conant, Space #286
Dan Conant, Space #289
Denise Alora-Landry, Space #358
Valerie Knudtson, Space #402
Dennis Turnbull, Space #406
Samuel Tucker, Space #424
Craig Smith, Space #477 (in Co. Unit)
Mitchell McGrath, Space #587
Kera Diaz, Space #722
Rachael Cortez, Space #830

The following spaces are located at 1641 Holly Drive McKinleyville, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold online at www.StorageAuctions.com. Bidding begins January 9th, 2025 and ends January 22nd, 2025 at 8AM.

Levi Landeros, Space #2114
Keith Ervin, Space #3123
Breanne Beeman, Space #5132
Jason Davis, Space #6208
Andrew Aragon, Space #8216
Adam Sundberg, Space #9102
Jennifer Giordano, Space #9118

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Luke Black, Space #9282
Christopher Reed, Space #9404

The following spaces are located at 180 F Street Arcata CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold online at www.StorageAuctions.com. Bidding begins January 9th, 2025 and ends January 22nd, 2025 at 8AM.

Matthew Zopfi, Space #4435
Jack DeCorso, Space #6119
Juliette Loesch Minault, Space #6137
Manuel Morales, Space #6139

The following spaces are located at 940 G Street Arcata CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold online at www.StorageAuctions.com Bidding begins January 9th, 2025 and ends January 22nd, 2025 at 8AM.

Linvell Williamson, Space #6339

Items to be sold include, but are not limited to:
Household furniture, office equipment, household appliances, exercise equipment, TVs, VCR, microwave, bikes, books, misc. tools, misc. camping equipment, misc. stereo equip. misc. yard tools, misc. sports equipment, misc. kids toys, misc. fishing gear, misc. computer components, and misc. boxes and bags contents unknown.

Anyone interested in attending Rainbow Self Storage auctions must pre-qualify. For details call 707-443-1451. Purchases must be paid for at the time of the sale in cash only. Online Bidders will pay 10% with a card online, and 90% in cash in the office, plus a \$100 deposit. Storageauction.com requires a 15% buyers fee on their website. All pre-qualified live Bidders must sign in at 4055 Broadway Eureka CA. prior to 9:00 A.M. on the day of the auction, no exceptions. All purchased items are sold as is, where is and must be removed at time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation for any reason whatsoever.
Auctioneer: Nicole Pettit, Employee

for Rainbow Self-Storage, 707-443-1451, Bond # 40083246.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2025 and 16th day of January, 2025 (25-008)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00619
The following person is doing Business as
Redhead Handicrafts

Humboldt
2029 Williams St
Eureka, CA 95501

Joann G Tajjala
2029 Williams St
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 11/23/2024.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Joann G Tajjala, Owner
This November 25, 2024
by JR, Deputy Clerk

1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23 (25-002)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00625
The following person is doing Business as
Humboldt RV Rentals

Humboldt
1450 Marty Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Evan M Schwartz
1450 Marty Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 12/3/24.
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/s Evan Schwartz, Owner
This December 3, 2024
by JR, Deputy Clerk

1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30 (25-013)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00627
The following person is doing Business as
SRS Construction Services/SRS Construction

Humboldt
1010 7th Street
Eureka, CA 95501
5451 Industrial Way
Benicia, CA 94510

Sharjo, LLC
California 1509470
5451 Industrial Way
Benicia, Ca 94510

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 10/25/2022.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
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/s Francisco Vega, Manager
This December 3, 2024
by JR, Deputy Clerk

1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23 (25-006)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00645
The following person is doing Business as
Haven-Electric, Inc.

Humboldt
405 Chartin Rd
Blue Lake, CA 95525
PO Box 1352
Blue Lake, CA 95525

Haven-Electric, Inc.
CA 4677572
405 Chartin Rd
Blue Lake, Ca 95525

The business is conducted by a Corporation.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 12/9/2024.
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/s Mark C. Schaeffer, President
This December 9, 2024
by JR, Deputy Clerk

12/19, 12/26, 1/2, 1/9 (24-471)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00647
The following person is doing Business as
Blue Lake Liquor and Gas

Humboldt
295 Blue Lake Blvd.
Blue Lake, Ca 95525

295 Enterprise, Inc.
California 6472317
295 Blue Lake Blvd.

Blue Lake, CA 95525

The business is conducted by a Corporation.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on na.
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/s Muhammad Musa, CEO
by SC, Deputy Clerk

12/19, 12/26, 1/1, 1/9 (24-466)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00650
The following person is doing Business as
Rentor Realty
Rentor
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Humboldt
Professional Property Management

Humboldt
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Eureka, CA 95503

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CA 6169454
3109 H Street
Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by a Corporation.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on n/a.
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/s Henry Hammacher, Vice President
This December 11, 2024
by SC, Deputy Clerk

12/19, 12/26, 1/1, 1/9 (24-467)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00651
The following person is doing Business as
Ashram Farms

Humboldt
4195 Old Briceland Rd
Garberville, CA 95542

Edward R Lambley
4195 Old Briceland Rd
Garberville, CA 95542

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 12/13/24.

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/s E.R. Lambley, Owner
This December 13, 2024
by JC, Deputy Clerk

1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30 (25-010)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00655
The following person is doing Business as
A NEW BEGINNING DOULA SERVICES

Humboldt
299 Artino Street
Eureka, CA 95503

Jessica N Clower
298 Artino St
Eureka, CA 95503

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/s Jessica Clower, Individual Business Owner
This December 16, 2024
by JR, Deputy Clerk

12/19, 12/26, 1/1, 1/9 (24-470)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00656
The following person is doing Business as
Axiom Atikos

Humboldt
960 10th St
Fortuna, CA 95540

Carlos E. Bowden
960 10th St.
Fortuna, CA 95540

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on na.
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/s Carlos E. Bowden, Owner
This December 18, 2024
by SG, Deputy Clerk

12/26, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16 (24-474)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00657**
The following person is doing Business as
Sprout Watchers

Humboldt
1928 Central Ave, Box 148
McKinleyville, CA 95519

**Sprout Watchers LLC
CA 202463418291
1928 Central Ave, Box 148
McKinleyville, CA 95519**

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 12/16/2024.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s River Qiriaz, Managing Member
This December 17, 2024
by SC, Deputy Clerk

1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23 (25-004)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00661**
The following person is doing Business as
Shining Sound Healing

Humboldt
735 12th Street
Arcata, CA 95521
1050 Boss Road
McKinleyville, CA 95519

**Samantha K Peters
735 12th Street
Arcata, CA 95521**

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on na.
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/s Samantha Peters, Sole Proprietor
This December 18, 2024
by SC, Deputy Clerk

12/26, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16 (24-471)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00662**
The following person is doing Business as
Whisker City Boarding

Humboldt
1257 Riverwalk Dr
Fortuna, CA 95540

**Phillip T Mincks
1257 Riverwalk Dr
Fortuna, CA 95540**

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/s Phillip T. Mincks, Owner
This December 18, 2024
by JR, Deputy Clerk

1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30 (25-011)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00666**
The following person is doing Business as
By Nieves

Humboldt
308 2nd St
Eureka, CA 95501

**Nieves Rathbun
308 2nd St
Eureka, CA 95501**

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 6/20/2007.
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/s Nieves Rathbun, Owner
This December 16, 2024
by JR, Deputy Clerk

1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30 (25-009)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00667**
The following person is doing Business as
Lotta

Humboldt
6287 Hwy 36
Carlotta, CA 95528
427 F Street Suite 219
Eureka, CA 95501

**Carlotta Gardens LLC
CA 201731710349
6287 Hwy 36
Carlotta, CA 95528**

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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/s Irene Levi, Managing Member
This December 18, 2024
by SC, Deputy Clerk

12/26, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16 (24-476)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00669**
The following person is doing Business as
Qi Dragon Healing Center

Humboldt
2831 E Street
Eureka, CA 95501

**Liping Zhu
2831 E Street
Eureka, CA 95501**

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/s Liping Zhu, Sole Proprietor
This December 21, 2024
by SG, Deputy Clerk

1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23 (25-005)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00678**
The following person is doing Business as
Nancy's Cleaning and Services

Humboldt
399 Tanglewood Rd
Arcata, CA 95521

**Marisol Hoyos Hoyos
399 Tanglewood Rd
Arcata, CA 95521**

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/s Marisol Hoyos Hoyos, Owner
This December 31, 2024
by SG, Deputy Clerk

1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30 (25-007)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00009**
The following person is doing Business as
Mad Monkey Designs

Humboldt
1066 Dylan Ct Apt B
McKinleyville, CA 95519

**Anthony R Lucero
1066 Dylan Ct Apt
McKinleyville, CA 95519**

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 3/1/24.
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/s Anthony R Lucero, Owner
This January 6, 2025
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STATEMENT 24-00670**
The following person is doing Business as
Cocina Mariposa

Humboldt
4750 Fairway Dr
Eureka, CA 95503

**Marisela Carillo Salas
4750 Fairway Dr
Eureka, CA 95503**

The business is conducted by an Individual.
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/s Marisela Carrillo Salas, Owner
This December 23, 2024
by JR, Deputy Clerk

1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30 (25-014)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 24-00633**
The following person is doing Business as
Young Nails

Humboldt
1630 Broadway St
Eureka, CA 95501

**Huy Q Tran
1630 Broadway St
Eureka, CA 95501**

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on 12/03/2024.
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/s Huy Q Tran, Owner
This December 3, 2024
by JR, Deputy Clerk

12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 1/2 (24-461)

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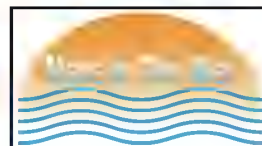
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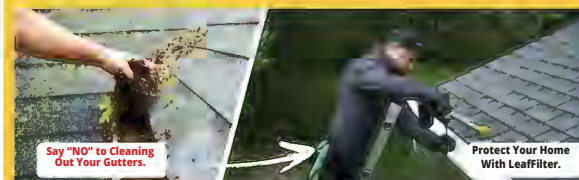
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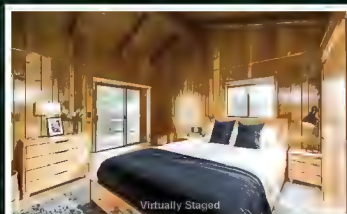
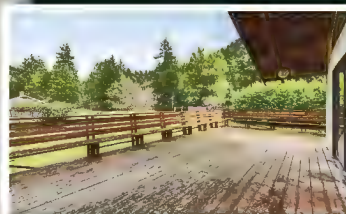
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FEATURED LISTING!

494 GOLDEN GATE DRIVE, CARLOTTA
\$399,000

Affordable paradise! Stroll to the Van Duzen River for fishing or a swim, savour show stopper panoramic views and open sky, and garden to your heart's content. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, with a detached garage sits on a flat, country acre and promises to deliver a wonderful lifestyle. The home has a functional and timeless floor plan with some nice architectural features. Cathedral ceilings, large view and transom windows, a wood stove, and extensive decking add to the appeal. Roofs were replaced @ 2018. Some updates and repairs needed. Schedule a showing today. This property is worth the drive!



NEW LISTING!

3240 BRANNAN MOUNTAIN ROAD, WILLOW CREEK
\$275,000

±40 Acres on Brannan Mountain offering a perfect escape for those seeking tranquility and self-sufficiency. The off-grid, one bedroom cabin, with an inviting sleeping loft, provides a warm and rustic retreat

amidst nature. Adjacent to the cabin, a spacious detached shop with a kitchenette presents a unique opportunity for conversion into guest quarters or a secondary dwelling. Additional features include a fenced orchard and abundant water with both a natural spring and rights to draw from Brannan Creek. The existing infrastructure is in need of maintenance and cleanup, offering a great opportunity for those looking to invest some effort into revitalizing this mountain retreat.



4580 COUNTY LINE CREEK ROAD, MAD RIVER
\$330,000

±40 Acres on County Line Creek Road with amazing access to the Mad River and National Trinity Forest. This property features a wonderful

3bed 2 bath custom home with walk in closets. This property also includes multiple outbuildings, a 20x40 ft garage, and an 8x22 ft shop. All buildings constructed with fire resistant concrete wonder board siding and metal roofs. Ag water supplied by a 250,000 gal rain catchment pond, separate domestic water source is a spring.



REDUCED PRICE!

801 6TH AVENUE, WESTHAVEN
\$47,500

Welcome to your dream getaway! This ±0.27 acre vacant piece of land nestled amidst majestic redwood trees with a tranquil trickling creek is a

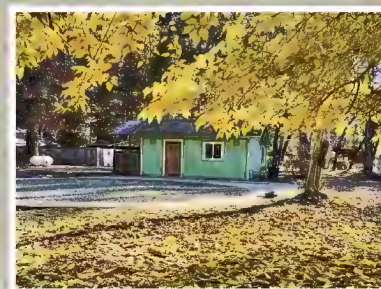
nature lover's paradise. Located within walking distance to some of Humboldt's finest beaches, this property offers a unique opportunity for camping enthusiasts seeking an escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Although this land cannot be built on, it presents an ideal setting for creating lasting memories with family and friends!



1499 LOWER SABERTOOTH ROAD, BLUE LAKE
\$799,000

±160 Acre mountain sanctuary offering a chance to reconnect with nature while enjoying modern conveniences. The newer constructed 2 bed, 2, bath home features a

bonus room, metal roof, butcher block counters, radiant heat floors, vaulted ceilings and oversized windows that showcase the stunning views. The home is accompanied by a large 2 story shop, designed to host a variety of hobbies and/or storage needs. Power is provided by solar panels connected to battery storage, and water is sourced from a strong-producing well.



70 LITTLE FOOT COURT, WILLOW CREEK
\$275,000

Create the ranchette of your dreams on this FLAT, 3.8-acre parcel that features a mix of mature trees and open space. Property is home to a small fixer

cabin, larger barn which has been mostly converted to living quarters, a metal outbuilding, a large vegetable garden and plenty of room for all your equipment and livestock. Enjoy the convenience of PG&E power and community water. Bring your ideas and enjoy the very best of Willow Creek rural living!



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